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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

Section Updated: Section I and II

KFDA's certification system for processed organic products will remain in place until the end of 2012 and will be replaced by a MIFAFF certification system.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix) :

This report provides export certificates for various agricultural products required by the Korean government for import inspection. U.S. exporters are strongly encouraged to consult with the relevant U.S. authorities prior to export about the eligibility of products and specific requirements imposed by the Korean government.

List of Export Certificates Required by Korea

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry*
Beef and beef products	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-7 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Refer to SECTION III	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Pork	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	None	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Poultry	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-2A (issued by USDA/FSIS)	None	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Egg products	PY-200 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Attestation to detailed pasteurization treatment: 55° C for a minimum of 15 min; or, 60° C for a minimum of 5 minutes; or, 64° C for a minimum of 4.5 minute.	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Dairy products	Export Certificate (issued by exporting government) or manufacturer self-declaration	“Products have been pasteurized for 15 seconds at 72C or longer” or “Products have been UHT/HTST/LTST treated” “Products have been treated for at least 15 seconds at 57-68C and then matured (limited to cheese)” or “Products have been fermented using lactic acid bacteria”	Export certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Pork casing	FSIS Form 9060-7 and 9305-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Only pork casings from animals slaughtered and processed in the United States are eligible for export to Korea. Refer to SECTION III for details.	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF

Protein-free tallow	FSIS Form 9060-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	“Certified materials have been tested, and found to have a level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% or less.”	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Live animal	Health Certificate (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation required on certificate varies depending on species.	Health certificate	NVRQS/ MIFAFF
Fresh vegetable, grains, fruits, nuts, and soymeal	PPQ Form 577 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation required on certificate varies depending on products.	Phytosanitary certificate	NPQS/ MIFAFF
Frozen vegetables and fruits	Form FV-146CS (issued by USDA/AMS) or PPQ Form 578 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	“Products have been frozen at -17.8C or below.”	Certificate of Quality & Condition or Export Certificate	NPQS/ MIFAFF
Processed organic products except livestock products and feed	Organic certificate (issued by USDA/AMS Accredited Certifying Agents)**	No attestation required but certificate must include: (a) Name, address, and phone number of the certifying agent (b) A list of the types of organic food the operation is certified by the certifying agent to produce or process (c) The company name, address, and effective date (or renewal date) of the certification	Certificate to confirm eligibility of organic producer or manufacturer	KFDA
Rice	Non GMO Certificate (issued by OMIC USA & laboratory participating in USDA/GIPSA’s Proficiency Program)	Attestation to no detection of GM rice	Test certificate to prove no presence of GM rice	MIFAFF
Non-GMO bulk shipment	Full IP Documentation (issued by private entities) or Non-GMO Certificate (issued by exporting government)	Attestation to identity preserved (IP) handling of bulk grains	Certificate to prove IP handling of bulk grains from seed to final export	MIFAFF
Non-GMO processed products***	Full IP Documentation (issued by private entities), Non-GMO Certificate (issued by exporting government), or Notarized Self	Attestation to identity preserved (IP) handling of raw materials from seed purchasing to manufacturing	Certificate or statement to provide IP handling of raw materials used in processed products	KFDA

	Declaration (by manufacturer)			
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*MIFAFF: Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

*NVRQS: National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service

*NPQS: National Plant Quarantine Service

*KFDA: Korea Food & Drug Administration

*USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture

*AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

*FSIS: Food Safety Inspection Service

*GIPSA: Grain, Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration

*APHIS: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

*PPQ: Plant Protection & Quarantine

*VS: Veterinary Service

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*** KFDA may change documentation requirements for non-GMO processed products according to the pending revision of the current biotech labeling standards for processed products. Post will provide any updates on this matter once it becomes available.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Please refer to Section I.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

Please refer to Section I. A sample of export certificate is provided in Appendix.

Korea requires that beef imports come from plants approved under the Export Verification (EV) Program set up by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Beef must be slaughtered and/or processed at plants listed in the Official Listing of Bovine Eligible Suppliers (aka, USDA Bovine EV Programs). This list can be obtained by visiting the [AMS Website](#).

Beef that was slaughtered and processed under an approved EV program can be exported after being stored in a warehouse approved by USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service. A list of all of the establishments on the Meat, Poultry and Egg Products Inspection Directory approved by FSIS for storing beef to be exported to Korea is available by visiting the [FSIS website](#).

In addition, Korean beef importers and U.S. exporters have reached a commercial understanding that, as a transitional measure, only U.S. beef from cattle less than 30-months of age will be shipped

to Korea. AMS set up a voluntary Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program to verify that beef from participating plants will be from cattle less than 30 months of age.

Exporting establishments may choose to participate in the AMS QSA program that verifies that the beef being certified is from cattle less than 30 months of age. However, for establishments that do participate in the AMS QSA program, the following statement may appear in Remarks on the FSIS 9060-5: "The beef or beef products were produced at a verified establishment under the USDA Less than 30 Month Age Verification USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Korea." At this time, Korea will not accept at port-of-entry shipments of beef without the QSA program statement in the Remarks section of the FSIS 9060-5 as described in the Documentation section, and Korean quarantine officials will return shipments without the statement to the owner/agent of the product. A list of QSA approved establishments and their approval dates can be obtained from the [AMS website](#).

As for the export of pork casings, the following information must be entered in the appropriate blocks of FSIS Form 9305-5: the name, address, and establishment number of the casing processing plant or the slaughter plant (if shipped directly) and the date of processing for processing plants and date of slaughter for slaughter plants. Only pork casings from animals slaughtered and processed in the United States are eligible for export to Korea.

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

The original certificate is required for all products listed above in Section I at the time of entry with a couple of exceptions. As for organic certificates and IP documentation for non-GMO products, a copy of the original certificate is acceptable.

In most situations, one certificate applies to one shipment thus it is not accepted to use the one certificate for multiple shipments. However, as for IP documentation for non-GMO products, one certificate can apply to multiple shipments if the one certificate covers more than one shipment (e.g. One IP documentation for soybeans produced for one year and those soybeans are divided and imported in multiple shipments.)

In cases where a government issued certificate is required, any government entity (including city/municipal, state, or federal) can issue certificates unless specified otherwise. As for health certificate, certificates should be issued by federal quarantine authorities.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

The "issuance date" of both health and phytosanitary certificates shall be prior to the "on-board date" listed on the Bill of Lading. The "inspection date" on a certificate must be prior to the departure date. To prevent unnecessary delay at the port of entry, the certificate "issuance date" should be prior to the departure date of shipments.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

1. FSIS certificates

Please refer to the below website for details including certificate samples.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations & policies/Republic of Korea Requirements/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations%20&%20policies/Republic%20of%20Korea%20Requirements/index.asp)

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations & policies/Korea Egg Products Requirements/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations%20&%20policies/Korea%20Egg%20Products%20Requirements/index.asp)

2. APHIS Certificate

A. Plant Certificate

Please refer to the below website for details about plant certificate requirements.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/export_certificates_forms.shtml

PPQ Form 577 can be viewed at the below website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf

B. Animal Certificates

Please refer to the below website for details about animal certificate requirements.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports.shtml

Korean requirements of live animal exports can be found at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_korea.shtml

C. Dairy Certificate

Please refer to the below website for details about certificate requirements for dairy products.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/ks_dp.pdf

D. Other Certificates Issued by APHIS

Please refer to the below website for details about certificate requirements for other products that are covered by APHIS.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/product_korea.shtml

3. Sample of Notarized Self Declaration for Non-GMO Processed Food Products

[DATE]	
To: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer [Address], Korea	[Exporter] [Address], USA
To Whom It May Concern:	
I hereby certify that the following product(s) [product name(s)] is (are) made by [company name] at its manufacturing facility in [city, state] using [name of ingredient] sourced from non-GM varieties with identity preserved (IP) systems. The crop(s) for [name of ingredient] were grown and managed with appropriate agricultural practices to maintain the integrity of the non-GM varieties from seed purchasing to manufacturing. The [name of ingredient(s)] supplier certifies that these ingredients are sourced from IP, non-GM varieties. Our manufacturing operation segregates this [name of ingredient(s)] to maintain its integrity.	
This certificate covers the period between [date] and [date]. [List name of products as per attached invoice(s) [number(s)] and other identifying information considered relevant by the certifier].	
I certify that the information submitted above is true and the above product complies with the Korean Government requirements that the level of accidental mixing of GM varieties in the raw ingredient used in the product is below the 3-percent threshold. Full documentation of identity preservation is available upon request after notification to our company of the GM ingredient(s) that have been detected in our product(s).	
Sincerely,	
[Name] [Title] [Company name]	
State of [Name] [City]	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this [day] of [month, year] [Expiration Date of the Commission] [Signature of Notary Public] [SEAL]	

