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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

Hungary as part of the European Community has implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. The U.S. export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU have been harmonized. The few products not yet harmonized are subject to Hungarian national regulations.

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Hungary as part of the European Community has implemented EU regulations for the import of products of animal and plant origin. The export certification requirements for most products destined for the EU market have been harmonized. For additional information on U.S. export certifications for the EU market, please see the [USEU Brussels website](#).

The few products not yet harmonized are subject to Hungarian national regulations. The competent Hungarian authority needs to be consulted on a case-by-case basis to address requirements for non-harmonized products.

Imported products must meet existing Member State requirements and products must be accompanied by the proper certification at port of arrival. In general, health certificates are required for all imported products of animal origin and phytosanitary certificates are needed for all plant products that could introduce pests into the EU. In Hungary, food safety is the primary responsibility of the [Ministry of Agriculture](#) and its background institute, [the National Food Chain Safety Office](#). Export certificates must be in the official language of Hungary, which is Hungarian. Certified translations of the certificates into Hungarian may be used. [The Hungarian Trade Licensing Office](#) is to issue import licenses of agricultural products in accordance with the European Community legislation. Usually an exporter (or possibly the importer) applies to the authority with all relevant details and the [prescribed form](#) for this kind of application. For non-harmonized exports of live animals and animal products to Hungary, the prescribed [application form](#) has to be submitted to the [Animal Health and Animal Welfare Directorate](#) of the National Food Chain Safety Office.

EU food legislation is translated into the 24 official languages in use in the EU-28 (including Hungarian) and is published in the Official Journal. The [Eurlex website](#) provides free access to the EU laws.

EU plant and plant product import regulations have been harmonized and are published in a single directive. Unlike veterinary products, there is only one model certificate for all plant products in accordance with international regulations laid down by the [International Plant Protection Convention](#) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

This report should be read in conjunction with the [EU FAIRS Export Certificate report](#) prepared by the FAS Office in the U.S. Mission to the European Commission (USEU) in Brussels, Belgium.

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