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## **Kazakhstan - Republic of**

## **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification**

## **FAIRS Export Certificate Report**

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**Report Highlights:**

This report highlights export certification requirements for Kazakhstan. Please note that certification requirements have and will continue to undergo changes as Kazakhstan reforms its regulations to meet Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and WTO commitments. Exporters are advised to verify export certification requirements with their importer before shipment.

## Introduction

In general, Kazakhstan does not accept generic veterinary certificates issued by the competent U.S. authorities, which certify products are in compliance with U.S. standards. Rather, Kazakhstan requires certificates to provide several specific attestations in addition to a “catch-all meets Eurasian Economic Union requirements” (previously “meets Kazakhstan/Customs Union requirements”). The [Eurasian Economic Union](#)<sup>1</sup> requirements present challenges to exporters, as they cover a wide range of goods of animal and plant origin, are extremely prescriptive, and, in certain instances, are neither based on risk assessments nor international standards.

In order to export to Kazakhstan, as is the case with several other EAEU countries, considerable documentation is required from both governments and must be provided in Kazakhstan. Cargo can be detained for certification errors so particular attention should be paid to ensuring the accuracy of the information contained therein. Exporters who have the most success in Kazakhstan, particularly those new to the market, often choose to work with experienced brokers or importers. While this report does not provide detailed information on export health certificates issued by U.S. government agencies, up-to-date information is available from the relevant agencies on their websites (links are provided later in this report).

### *Transition Period*

Kazakhstan remains in a transition period as it reforms its regulations both to meet WTO commitments and integrate further with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) partners. For details please see GAIN report [RS1611 Eurasian Economic Union One Year On](#).

The final and transitional provisions of the Customs Union’s “Uniform Requirements for Products under Veterinary Control” allowed for the importation of products accompanied by a pre-existing U.S.-Kazakh bilateral veterinary certificate, initialed before July 1, 2010, and which differed from the “Uniform Requirements,” to remain in use until January 1, 2013. However, because the United States requested to renegotiate these certificates with the Member States of the Customs Union, their validity was extended beyond January 1, 2013, pursuant to the provisions of Customs Union Decrees, until negotiations on new certificates are concluded.

## **Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By the Kazakhstan Government:**

The following export certificates are currently issued and/or remain valid in order to facilitate U.S. exports to Kazakhstan. Exporters should consult with their importers to determine which certificates are needed for goods they intend to ship.

### **Health Certificates – Sanitary (Veterinary)**

#### USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Veterinary Services/Animal

- Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of [Cattle](#) from the United States of America (US) To The Republic of Kazakhstan (*approved June 2008*) with [Addendum](#) (*approved February 28, 2013*)

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<sup>1</sup> Current members are Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia.

- Veterinary certificate for [day-old chicks, turkey poult, ducklings, goslings, ostrich chicks and hatching eggs of these species](#) exported from the United States of America to the Customs Union (*approved March 5, 2013*)

For more information, visit [APHIS-Summary of Requirements for Exporting Animals to Kazakhstan](#) and <http://mgov.kz/napravleniya-razvitiya/veterinarnaya-bezopasnost/>.

#### USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service

- Sanitary Certificate for [Milk and Milk Products](#) Exported Into Kazakhstan For Human Consumption (*approved October 26,2010*)

#### USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Veterinary Services/Animal Products

- FSIS Form 9060-5 (07/21/2010) Veterinary certificate for [Poultry Meat and Meat Products](#) from Poultry Exported to Kazakhstan (*approved July 21, 2010*)
- FSIS Form 9060-5 (07/21/2010) Veterinary certificate for [Bovine Meat and Meat Products](#) from Bovine Meat Exported to Kazakhstan (*approved July 21, 2010*)
- FSIS Form 9060-5 (07/21/2010) Veterinary certificate for [Pork Meat and Meat Products](#) from Pork to Kazakhstan (*approved November 1, 2010*)
- FSIS Form 9060-5 (07/21/2010) Veterinary certificate for [Ovine and Caprine and Meat Products](#) from Ovine and Caprine Meat Exported to Kazakhstan (*approved July 21, 2010*)
- FSIS Form 2630-9 (6/86) Veterinary certificate for [Chicken Egg Products](#) Exported to Kazakhstan (*approved November 1,2010*)

For more information, visit [APHIS-Summary of Requirements for Exporting Animal Products to Kazakhstan](#) and <http://mgov.kz/napravleniya-razvitiya/veterinarnaya-bezopasnost/>.

## **Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)**

### Health Certificates

Export certificates are required and verified for consistency with the EAEU regulations at the external border of the Eurasian Economic Union to protect public and animal health (veterinary certificates) as well as the environment (phytosanitary certificates). Health certificates are also used to determine product origin.

### *Veterinary Certificates*

According to the [Uniform procedure for veterinary control at the customs border of the Customs Union](#), products contained in the [Uniform list of products under veterinary control](#) require a veterinary certificate (except veterinary drugs and feed additives of chemical and microbiological synthesis, which need only be accompanied by documents issued by the manufacturer confirming their quality and safety). Veterinary certificates should be consistent with the [Uniform requirements for products under veterinary control](#).

Veterinary certificates are also used to enforce the [Uniform sanitary-epidemiological and hygienic requirements](#) for products contained in the [Uniform list of products under sanitary-epidemiological control at the customs border and in the customs territory of the Customs Union](#).

#### *Phytosanitary Certificates*

According to the EAEU regulations, products defined as “high phytosanitary risk” in the [List of products under phytosanitary control](#) require a phytosanitary certificate.

In late 2016, the EAEU adopted three key documents, [Unified EAEU List of Quarantine Pests](#), [Unified EAEU Phytosanitary Requirements](#), and [Unified Rules and Norms to Ensure Plant Quarantine on the EAEU Territory](#), finally introducing unified phytosanitary requirements for all Member States as of July 1, 2017. For details please see GAIN reports [RS1721 WTO Notifications on the EAEU Common List of Pests](#), [RS1722 WTO Notifications on EAEU Phytosanitary Requirements](#), and [RS1723 WTO Notification on EAEU Common Phytosanitary Rules](#).

[Kazakhstani phytosanitary certificate](#) has been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture Order No 4-4/66 dated January 30, 2015.

#### Other Certificates

##### *Certificates of Quality (and Safety)*

The manufacturer’s certificate of quality (and safety) is used to determine whether the product conforms to product specifications of the contract and quality requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union and Kazakhstan. It is not a substitute for the applicable U.S. government-issued health certificates. It is, rather, a document used by the importer to obtain a declaration of conformity, which attests to compliance with the requirements of the relevant technical regulations.

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

All certificates must be in Kazakh or Russian.

For products under veterinary control, please consult the importer’s import (veterinary) permit for specific conditions.

For products under sanitary-epidemiological control, the Eurasian Economic Union typically requires the corresponding veterinary certificates to contain the following two attestations:

- “Microbiological, chemical and toxicological, and radiological indicators of [commodity] comply with the veterinary and sanitary requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union.”
- “Package and packaging material are used only once and comply with the requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union.”

For phytosanitary certificates, please consult APHIS’

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/export\\_certificates\\_forms.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/export_certificates_forms.shtml).

### **Section IV. Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements**

Eurasian Economic Union regulations require export certificates to accompany their cargo.

Eurasian Economic Union regulations also require that health certificates be issued before the product is exported. In November 2014 the relevant EAEU regulations were amended to allow the correction of technical errors and amendments to the name and address of the consignor/consignee, type of transport, country (countries) of transit, and the entry point, as well as the use of replacement certificates. However, it remains to be seen if and how the new regulations will be implemented. Exporters wishing to obtain either a replacement or in-lieu-of certificate for purposes of correcting errors or redirecting cargo to Kazakhstan should work with their importer.

Since 2013, replacement phytosanitary certificates have been allowed in some cases under the condition that the authorized agencies of exporting countries guarantee the safety and wholesomeness of regulated products from the moment of the products' out-loading to the moment it enters the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union. For details please see GAIN Report [RS1389 Amended CU Regulations Allow Replacement Phytosanitary Certificates](#).

Border officials often enforce zero-tolerance for certificate errors and such instances commonly arise from inaccurate information provided to the federal authority issuing the certificate (e.g., wrong container numbers, mistyped establishment numbers). Errors commonly result in significant demurrage costs and can lead to a shipment being denied entry.

Suppliers' and manufacturers' export declarations are not accepted as an export health certificate.

Derogations of export certification requirements are approved on a case-by-case basis. Exporters seeking derogations should work with their importer.

## **Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements**

### Certificates

All other certificates required by the Kazakh government are the responsibility of the importer.

### Accredited Supplier Lists

In general, products subject to veterinary control are required to come from approved supplier lists. The Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture/Committee for Animal Health Control and Surveillance often issues conditions to source from approved establishments in the import (veterinary) permit. As a result, non-exempt commodities without a list of approved establishments (e.g., poultry) are routinely blocked from entry. At the time of this report's publication, The Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture/Committee for Animal Health Control and Surveillance maintains [lists](#) for the following U.S. commodities:

- Meat and Meat Products: Poultry
- Fish and Seafood
- Meat and Meat Products: Pork
- Meat and Meat Products: Beef/Chilled Veal

- Meat and Meat Products: Sub-products and Fat of Beef
- Food Products: Finished Beef Products
- Food Products: Finished Mutton Products
- Food Products: Finished Poultry Products
- Food Products: Finished Pork Products
- Food Products: Finished Horse Meat Products
- Food Products: Prepared Meat Products
- Feed and Feed Additives
- Feed and Feed Additives: Feed for Non-Productive Animals, Bird, Fish
- Meat and Meat Products: Sub-products and Fat of Pork
- Live Animals: Day-Old Chicks
- Live Animals: Hatching Eggs
- Non-Edible Products: Raw Intestines (Casings)
- Products Not Requiring a Permit: Feed and Feed Additives *(This list includes all establishments, which ship feeds in retail packaging, for which import permits are not required. The list was created by Rosselkhoznadzor and followed by Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture primarily for the convenience of the EAEU customs officials at the border.)*
- Meat and Meat Products: Sub-products and Fat of Poultry