Food Safety and Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FSIS Public Health Information System (PHIS) Export and Import Certification

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USDA–FSIS' Mission

The Food Safety and Inspection Service is responsible for ensuring that domestic, imported, and exported meat, poultry and egg products are safe, wholesome and properly labeled.

Public Health Information System (PHIS)

- The Public Health Information System (PHIS) is FSIS' web-based information-technology system designed to collect, consolidate, and analyze data.

- PHIS improves the way FSIS detects and responds to foodborne hazards.

- PHIS has domestic, import, and export components

PHIS Export Component

- **FSIS' electronic export application and certification system:**

  - Exporters submit applications electronically in PHIS

  - FSIS inspection program personnel review, approve and sign certificates electronically in PHIS

  - Country officials with PHIS access can view and authenticate certificates

- **129 countries and territories since June 2018**

  - Full list on FSIS PHIS Components page, "Country Rollout Schedule": https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/phis-components

  - WTO Notification, G/SPS/N/USA/331: https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/G/SPS/NUSA3311.pdf&Open=True

Current PHIS Export Capabilities

- Digitally Signed PDF and Plain Paper Watermarked Certificate (FSIS Form 9060-5 Series)

- Digital Signature Security Features

- Attestations from the FSIS Export Library in FSIS Form 9060-5 remarks or continuation sheet

- View Certificates in PHIS and Generate Reports

  NOTE: PHIS includes meat (including Siluriformes fish and fish products) and poultry products, but not casings or egg products at this time.

FSIS Form 9060-5: Sample

FSIS Form 9060-5: Sample Remarks and Digital Signature

*As stated by applicant or contractor							

17. REMARKS

☐ **18. I CERTIFY** that the meat, meat food product or meat byproduct specified hereon is from animals that received both antemortem and postmortem inspection and were found sound and healthy and that it has been inspected and passed as provided by law and regulations of the Department and is sound and wholesome.

☒ **19. I CERTIFY** that the poultry, poultry products or poultry food products specified above came from birds that were officially given an antemortem and postmortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY A CERTIFYING OFFICIAL OF MEAT, POULTRY, AND EGG PRODUCT INSPECTION SYSTEM

By order of the Secretary of Agriculture

20. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE

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PHIS ID: U-FSIS-5764j02152022
Date: 02/15/2022 15:05:04

Stephanie McSwain, CSI   Raleigh, NC

21. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

02/15/2022

This certificate is receivable in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Seven-digit USDA Export Mark

- Certificates generated by PHIS include a unique <u>seven-digit</u> export certificate number

- This seven-digit number is included on the USDA export mark, which is applied to each container, linking the consignment to the certificate.*

*If acceptable to country, mark may be applied to a securely enclosed pallet or pallets within the consignment (e.g. shrink-wrapped or other effective means), or the closed means of conveyance transporting the consignment (e.g. rail car, air, ocean container, truck).

View Certificates in PHIS and Generate Reports

- Country Officials with PHIS access can view and authenticate certificates

- Certificate Signature Viewer (CSV) role in PHIS

- **For countries in PHIS, to request the CSV role**:

    Contact FSIS Office of International Coordination:
    internationalcoordination@usda.gov

View Certificates in PHIS and Generate Reports, cont.

- Country Officials with PHIS access can generate reports on products certified for your country in PHIS.

- Certificate Signature Viewer (CSV) role enables Foreign Country Log-in (FCL) Reports

- More information on CSV role:
  https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-07/USDA-FSIS-PHIS-Certificate-Signature-Viewer-Quick-Reference-Guide.pdf

PHIS Export: Basic Steps to Implementation

To join PHIS export, countries must accept:

- **Secure, digitally signed FSIS Form 9060-5, viewable in PHIS by authorized users**

- **Printed on plain watermarked paper (if country requires paper)**

- **All required information captured in FSIS Form 9060-5 remarks or 9060-5B continuation page: no country-specific letterhead certificates**

PHIS Export Information Resources

- PHIS Components webpage (Information for Foreign Governments): https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/phis-components

- Sample FSIS 9060-5: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/USA/22_1684_00_e.pdf

- Certificate Signature Viewer and Digital Signature Validation guide: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-07/USDA-FSIS-PHIS-Certificate-Signature-Viewer-Quick-Reference-Guide.pdf

- Steps for Country Officials to Register for the CSV: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/documents/Steps-to-obtain-an-account-in-PHIS.pdf

PHIS Export Electronic Certification (eCert): Current and Future

- Export eCert capability: FSIS Form 9060-5 data elements (not currently implemented)

- Future expansion of capability to capture countries' requirements in eCert data

- Exploring partner countries to receive export eCert data

PHIS Import Electronic Certification (eCert)

- FSIS receives import eCert data directly into PHIS

- Currently: Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands – and working to add more

- Working with and seeking interest from other countries

Questions?