



**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

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**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)

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- 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

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- **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/phs-components>
  - WTO Notification, G/SPS/N/USA/331:  
<https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/G/SPS/NUA3311.pdf&Open=True>

# Current PHIS Export Capabilities

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- 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


According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0583-0153. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 25 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instruction, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE**  
**Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness**

A knowingly false entry or false alteration of any entry on this certificate may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both (18 U.S.C. 1001). Additional penalties exist under the Federal Meat Inspection Act [21 U.S.C 611(b)(1), (2); and (5), 21 U.S.C 461] for an unauthorized or false alteration or misuse of this certificate.

1. COUNTRY OF DESTINATION [REDACTED]		2. ISO CODE [REDACTED]		5. CERTIFICATE NUMBER [REDACTED]		6. CERTIFICATE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT	
3. CONSIGNOR/EXPORTER (Applicant's name and address) Exporter Name Street Name City Name, Ohio 12345 UNITED STATES				PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM: 7. EXPORT EST. NO. (Name and address) 1234 Export Facility Name Street Name City Name, Ohio, 12345			
4. CONSIGNEE/IMPORTER (Name and address) Importer Name Street Name City Name [REDACTED]				8. TOTAL NET WEIGHT 100 lbs (42.3592 kgs)		9. TOTAL NO. OF PACKAGES 100	
10. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT (Name of product)		11. NET WEIGHT OF LOT <sup>1</sup>	12. SPECIES	13. NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT <sup>1</sup>	14. TYPE OF PACKAGES IN LOT <sup>1</sup>	15. SHIPPING/ IDENTIFICATION MARKS <sup>1</sup>	16. EST. NO. ON PRODUCT
Product 1		100 (42.3592 kgs)	P	100	Package		1234
17. REMARKS							
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 STEPHANIE MCSWAIN Stephanie McSwain, CSI Raleigh, NC		U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture FNSIS (S) 04-9055-0166/012903 Date: 02/15/2022 18:05:04 21. DATE SIGNED (MMDDYYYY) 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.							
FSIS FORM 9060-5 (08/29/2018)		ALL PREVIOUS EDITIONS OBSOLETE		ORIGINAL			

# FSIS Form 9060-5: Sample Remarks and Digital Signature

<small>As stated by applicant or contractor</small>						
<b>17. REMARKS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.						
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<b>NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY A CERTIFYING OFFICIAL OF MEAT, POULTRY, AND EGG PRODUCT INSPECTION SYSTEM</b>						
<i>By order of the Secretary of Agriculture</i>		<b>20. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE</b> <b>STEPHANIE MCSWAIN</b>  <small>Stephanie McSwain, CSI</small>	<small>U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture          FHSIS ID: U-FHSIS-12164/0012/0023          Date: 03/15/2022 13:09:04</small>	<b>21. DATE SIGNED (MMDDYYYY)</b>  02/15/2022		
<small>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.</small>						

## Seven-digit USDA Export Mark

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- Certificates generated by PHIS include a unique seven-digit 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](mailto:internationalcoordination@usda.gov)

The screenshot displays the 'View Certificates' page in the PHIS system. It includes a search form with the following fields: Certificate Number, Export Establishment Name, Approved Date of Certificate (From: 06/06/2019, To: 06/06/2019), Approving FSIS Official, Export Establishment Number, and Commodities (Chicken, Pork). A 'Part of Entry' dropdown is set to 'Select'. Search and Reset buttons are present. Below the search form is a table of certificates:

Certificate Number	Export Establishment Name/Number	PORT/ENTRY	Commodities	Approved Date of Certificate	Approving FSIS Official	Seal/Container
0012959	Chicken Farm P123	Port 1	Chicken	06/06/2019	ENGELKE	[Seal]
0012966	Chicken Farm P323	Port 2	Chicken	06/06/2019	ENGELKE	[Seal]

Below this table is a secondary table showing file names and document titles for the selected certificates:

File Name	Document Title	View				
Certificate Package (4).pdf	Signed Document	[View]				
0012967	Pig Farm M458	Port 3	Pork	06/06/2019	EVANS	[Seal]
0012966	Pig Farm M456	Part 4	Pork	06/06/2019	ENGELKE	[Seal]
0012965	Chicken Farm P123	Port 5	Chicken	06/06/2019	DUA	[Seal]
0012964	Pig Farm M458	Part 6	Pork	06/06/2019	EVANS	[Seal]

# 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](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-07/USDA-FSIS-PHIS-Certificate-Signature-Viewer-Quick-Reference-Guide.pdf)

The screenshot shows the 'FCL Reports' page in the PHIS system. The page title is 'Certificate Signature Viewer' and the user is logged in as 'User'. The page has a navigation menu on the left with options: 'View Certificates', 'Generate FCL Report' (highlighted), and 'View Report'. The main content area is titled 'FCL Reports' and contains several input fields for report generation: 'Approving FSIS Official', 'Certificate Number', 'Export Establishment Name', 'Export Establishment Number', 'Port of Entry' (a dropdown menu), 'Approved Date of Certificate: (DD/MM/YYYY)' with 'From' and 'To' date pickers, and 'Select Report' (a dropdown menu). At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Reset', 'Generate PDF', and 'Generate Excel'.

FSIS Export Report: Viewer Report

Report Date Range: 06/08/2019 to 06/09/2019

Sort Order: Export Establishment Name

Certificate Number	Approving Official Last Name	Approval Date	Establishment Number	Export Establishment Name	Number of packages	Total Net Weight (Lbs)	Total Net Weight (Kgs)	Commercial Seal Number	Commercial Container Number
0012968	ENGELKE	06/09/2019	M P	Sausage Works, LLC	65	650.0000	0.0000	53445	C2334

# PHIS Export: Basic Steps to Implementation

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**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

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- PHIS Components webpage (Information for Foreign Governments):  
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/phish-components>
- Sample FSIS 9060-5:  
[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/USA/22\\_1684\\_00\\_e.pdf](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](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](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

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- 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)

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- 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?

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