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Export Animal Products to Cyprus

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Animal Product Export Requirements

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This country is a member state of the European Union. In addition to any commodity-specific information listed on this page, the European Union has harmonized requirements for certain animal-origin products. Visit [Export Animal Products to the European Union](#) to learn more about harmonized protocols.

Exporters must have their importers confirm with the appropriate Ministry of Animal Health that Cyprus will accept products on the appropriate EU certificate *prior to shipment*.

Shelf-Stable Requirement

Cyprus border inspection posts (BIPS) are only able to allow the import of consignments of materials that are shelf stable. Refrigerated diagnostic and research samples are generally an exception to this requirement.

Language Requirement for Certificates

Cyprus generally requires certificates for consignments from the United States to be in both English and Greek. However, border inspection posts (BIPS) may be willing to accept English certificates with “professional translations” attached. In these cases,

APHIS does not certify (sign or seal) the separate translation. In these cases, the importer can obtain an "official" translation of English certificates from any licensed translation service in Cyprus or Greece (or in some cases elsewhere). After APHIS endorses the English version, the U.S. exporter can send the certificate via a courier service to the importer who can then have the translation service attach the Greek translation prior to presentation to the BIP when the consignment arrives. If the importer has questions about whether a particular translation service is acceptable, they should check with the pertinent BIP. Alternatively, the exporter can work with their importer to create a truly bilingual version of the certificate prior to presentation to APHIS for endorsement.

Determining Which Certification Requirements Apply

Exporters should always have their importers confirm BEFORE shipment that the consignment will be allowed entry with only the documentation accompanying the consignment. If there is any doubt about European Union or Country requirements a consignment will fall, or when requirements are not listed, the U.S. exporter should have this country's importer email the pertinent border inspection post (BIP) through which the consignment will enter **the importing country**. The email should include a description of the proposed import, including the animal-origin contents and the intended use of the material **in the importing country**. The BIP will respond to the importer in writing. The U.S. exporter should then obtain that response from the importer and provide it and a translation of it (including the original email question) to their local [VS Field Operations Veterinary Export Trade Services](#).

BIP Country Contact

director@vs.moa.gov.cy

Need Help Exporting Animal Products?

Certificate Endorsement

Contact APHIS Veterinary Services' Product Certificate Team for animal product export certificate endorsement or questions.

Product Certificate Team

Email: vspsok@usda.gov

Facility Inspections or Packages

Contact APHIS Veterinary Services' Facility Packages Team for animal product export facility inspection requests, packages, or questions.

Facility Packages Team

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