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Export Animal Products to Germany

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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.

Language Requirement for Certificates

Germany generally requires certificates for consignments from the United States to be in both English and German. [Some border inspection posts (BIPs) may be willing to accept English certificates without official translations- exporters should have their importers confirm with the BIP prior to shipment if English certificates are acceptable.] In cases where the BIP requires the certificate to be in German, the importer can obtain an "official" translation of English certificates from any licensed translation service in Germany. 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 German translation prior to presentation to the German BIP when the consignment arrives. If the importer has questions about whether a particular translation service in Germany is licensed, 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.

Species of Origin

Germany requires certificates to list the scientific name of the species of animal from which exported materials are derived. This is required in Section I.28 on most certificates. Specific terminology (required for species of origin) varies by the German port. Exporters should have their importers confirm (prior to preparation of certificates) the specific terminology the German port requires for the "scientific name."

Commodity Specific Information

[Fishing baits](#) (10.79 KB) - April 2010

[Peritoneal fluid and derivatives](#) (11.01 KB) - July 2012

[Samples \(research and diagnostic\)](#) (54.98 KB) - September 2013

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Certificate Endorsement

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

Product Certificate Team

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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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