

Determining Which Certification Requirements Apply

Exporters should always have their importers confirm prior to shipment that the consignment will be allowed entry with only the documentation that will accompany the consignment. If there is any doubt which requirements noted under the [European Union](#) or Belgium a consignment will fall, the U.S. exporter should have the Belgian importer email the border inspection post (BIP) through which the consignment will enter the EU. Contact information for these BIPs is available at:

http://www.favv-afsca.fgov.be/importationpaystiers/pifanimaux/_documents/20140219_BIP_BE.pdf

The email should contain a description of the proposed import including the animal-origin contents, and the intended use of the material in Belgium. The BIP should 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 Office](#).

If the BIP does not respond in writing, **the Belgian importer may also forward the email question to the central Belgian authorities at:** import.export@favv.be .