

Hay/Straw to Finland **(NOT including processed products derived from hay/straw)**

Finland requires special animal health documentation for the import of hay/straw. There are two separate documents required:

- 1- The “**HAY/STRAW EXPORTED TO FINLAND**” certificate endorsed by APHIS; and the separate
- 2- Manufacturer Declaration Signed by a Private Veterinarian employed by the manufacturer/exporter.

The “HAY/STRAW EXPORTED TO FINLAND” certificate

This certificate must be the exact “HAY/STRAW EXPORTED TO FINLAND” certificate located on this website. (To access this certificate, go back to the previous link and select the “[HAY/STRAW EXPORTED TO FINLAND](#)” certificate link.)

The only materials that may be included on this certificate are unprocessed (other than drying) hay and straw. Materials such as pelletized hay may not be included. If other materials are in the same consignment, those materials may not be referenced on the certificate. The lot number(s) of the hay/straw must be included in the “Identification of shipment” section.

The exporter prepares the certificate electronically but leaves the following sections blank (the VS Area Office will prepare these sections prior to endorsement): Certificate number, Date, Signature, Name of the signatory, Title of the signatory, and VS Office issuing certificate.

The exporter then submits the prepared certificate electronically to their local [VS Area Office](#) along with the notarized affidavit verifying the statement that the “Certified materials described below contain no ingredients of animal origin.” (Exporters should contact their local VS Area Office for details on the required format of the notarized affidavit.)

After completion of the remaining areas of the certificate, the VS Area Office will print it onto special VS Security Paper prior to endorsement. Neither the notarized affidavit nor the below described “Manufacturer Declaration Signed by a Private Veterinarian” become part of the actual APHIS certificate. The notarized affidavit is not sent with the consignment to Finland.

The Manufacturer Declaration Signed by a Private Veterinarian employed by the manufacturer/exporter

This document is not endorsed by APHIS and may not be represented as part of the official certificate. It may not reference the official certificate. It should however accompany the shipment to the Finland. It is not handled or reviewed by the VS Area Office, and should not be submitted to the VS Area Office.

There is no official form for this document. APHIS has not agreed that it should be required. However, authorities in Finland have indicated that they will not allow import of hay/straw without it. Because there is no officially agreed form or format for this document, it is very important that exporters have their importers confirm the acceptability of the document prior to shipment with the Finnish border inspection post through which the consignment will enter Finland. The document must be signed by a private veterinarian and must declare that the “[products have not been stored in animal premises.](#)”