

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 Ireland a consignment will fall, the U.S. exporter should have the Irish importer email the Irish government at animalproductimports@agriculture.gov.ie with a description of the proposed import including the animal-origin contents, the intended use of the material in Ireland, and the border inspection post (BIP) through which the consignment will enter Ireland. The Irish government 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 Office](#) [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/nies_service_centers_export_contact_information.pdf].