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Report Highlights:

The report lists and describes certificates that should accompany food and agricultural products to Egypt. It also includes the purpose of each certificate and the governmental agency responsible. In general, an original invoice, bill of lading, packing list, weighing list, health certificate, batch number certificate, certificate of origin, and insurance certificate are required to accompany any shipment. An export certificate matrix is included in this report.

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SECTION I: REQUIRED EXPORT CERTIFICATES:

In order for any food shipment to be released, the following documents must be presented to the customs office:

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
All products	Commercial invoice	Beneficiaries signed commercial invoice showing the following information: description of the product, quantity, number of units, price per unit, total value, delivery terms, and payment terms; must be countersigned by the chamber of commerce and legalized by the A.R.E consulate or Embassy in the country of origin or country of beneficiary.	customs declaration.	General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC), Customs Authority
	Bill of Lading	Full set of clean on board marine bills of lading issued to order of the importer or endorsed to order of the Importer's bank in Egypt. (Freight prepaid is preferred). It should include the following information: cargo description, shipper name and address, consignee name, buyer name and address, vessel name and number, port of loading, port of discharging, place of receipt, place of delivery, forwarding agent (carrier agent), total number of containers or other packages received by carrier, container numbers, seal numbers, number and kind of packages, and cargo gross	The cost of shipping.	GOEIC, Customs Authority

		weight.		
	Certificate of origin	Issued by the official authorities or the chamber of commerce in country of origin. It must be legalized by the A.R.E consulate or Embassy in the country of origin. It should include the following information: type of the product, the origin of the goods, quantity, merchandise specification and description of goods, marks, number and kind of packages/ parcels, the name of the exporting country, date of inspection, production and expiration dates, name of exporter (consignor), port of entry, and name of importer (consignee), vessel name and transport details, net and gross weight.	To certify that the goods originate in the country	GOEIC, Customs Authority
	Packing list	It should show the consignee/ importer name and address, destination, transport, product, net weight, batch numbers, month and year of production, expiry date, name of producer, exporter/consigner name and address, container number, seal number, batch number, number of cartons, validity period, net weight, gross weight, and L/C number.	Customs clearance	GOEIC, Customs Authority
	Weight certificate	Issued by an official weigher or a report issued by superintending company or their agent at port of shipment showing: description of the goods, container size, container number, seal number, batch number, quantity of cartons, name of vessel, month and year of production, validity period, net weight, gross weight, and L/C number.		GOEIC, Customs Authority
	Certificate of insurance	Indicate the clauses, endorsements, and any special conditions and warranties (war, strikes, radioactive contamination chemicals, biological, bio-chemical, and electromagnetic weapons. etc).	Insurance against all kinds of loss, damage, risk, strikes, etc.	GOEIC, Customs Authority

		insurance company, policy of insurance, the period covered, the amount or value covered and currency, packing material covered (container, labels, cartons), vessel name, quantity shipped and value, loading port, sailing date, expected date of arrival, flag, and the year the vessel was built, consignee, description of the goods, and L/C number.		
	Health certificate/Bill of Free Sale	It shows that the product is manufactured in premises approved and registered by the governmental organizations in accordance with national and international regulations governing the manufacture and placing on the market and which are subjected to regular audits or inspections. That the product at the time of shipment contains no harmful level of contaminant (including dioxins). The goods have been prepared and shipped under sanitary conditions. That the goods are fit for human consumption, and certify that they are free from contagious and epidemic diseases and coming from non-contaminated areas, free from such disease, free from poisonous parasites, free from any harmful substances and hormones. That the description of the product is true and correct. The based product has undergone a recognized process with the aim of avoiding public health hazards arising from pathogenic organisms associated with the product. It certifies that the product can be freely sold for human consumption in the country of origin.	Health certificate	GOEIC, Ministry of Health
	Batch number certificate	A certificate listing all batch numbers in the shipment. Batch Number Certificate	To track the different batches	GOEIC, customs Authority,

		(BNC) are required for all food products. If the consignment being imported includes quantities with different batch numbers, BNC's will be required for each batch.		Ministry of Health
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Certificates required for specific products:

Product	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Grains Oilseeds	Phytosanitary certificate	To certify that the shipment was inspected and tested according to the appropriate procedures, and considered to be free from quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and conform to phytosanitary requirements and regulations of Egypt including those for regulated non-quarantine pests. The certificate should include the following information: place of issue, treatment method, date of treatment or inspection, chemical used (active ingredient), duration and temperature, concentration, name and address of the exporter, declared name and address of the consignee, name of produce and quantity declared, number and description of packages, distinguishing marks, place of origin, declared means of conveyance, declared point of entry, and any additional declaration.	Assure that the product is free from pests and insects	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health
	Holds inspection certificate	That the holds were inspected before shipping and found free of pests.	Assure that the holds are free from pest and insects	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health
	Quality (inspection) (Analysis)	This certify the kind of grain covered by the certificate and to certify	Assure that the shipped product is conformed	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture

	certificate	that it was inspected by the governmental officials. It should confirm that the grain is free from iron filings, and the aflatoxine rate is less than 2 ppm. The certificate should include information about: quantity, port of shipping, identification of carrier, the kind of goods, and the hold numbers.	with the terms of the contract	
	Certificate of fumigation (for some grains)	The certificate should state that the product is fumigated. It must have information about the type of product, the material used for fumigation, method of fumigation and concentration, dosage, and that a proper use and operation of the safety equipment is described and demonstrated to importer representative. A list of safety equipment that should be aboard the vessel must be included. The certificate should mention the date and time of fumigation exposure and the degree of temperature. It should also state that the fumigation is performed in accordance with the governmental rules, instructions, and regulations. The name and address of the fumigation company should also be included. It should also include the name of the vessel, and the numbers of the holds.	Fumigation confirmation	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health
	Certificate of Witness of fumigation (for some grains)	State that official personnel have witnessed the process of fumigation according to the official procedures, rules, and regulations. The certificate should include information about the name of the vessel, the numbers of the holds, the date of	Fumigation confirmation	Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health

		fumigation, and the kind of commodity		
	Crop year certificate	To guarantee that the exported wheat is from the latest production year	New crop confirmation	Ministry of Agriculture
Vegetable oils	Superintending report	Show kind, quality, and quantity shipped of both holes tanks and vessel tanks and /or measuring of storing tanks either fixed or mobiles and gauging vessel tanks. The report should state that the goods are in full conformity with specifications mentioned in the credit terms and that vessel tanks are fit for shipment of edible oil.	Goods are in full conformity with specifications mentioned in the contract and that vessel tanks are fit for shipment of edible oil.	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture
	Analysis certificate	Issued by official authorities or chemical laboratories based on representative samples drawn by the superintending company, or their agent at loading port or by the official authorities stating that analysis results evidencing that the goods are in conformity with specifications mentioned in L/C terms. The certificate should include information about: quantity, port of shipping, identification of carrier, the kind of goods, and the hold numbers.	Assure that the shipped product is conformed with the terms of the contract	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health.
	FOSFA international regulation certificate	Issued by the superintending company, or the ship owner or their agents or the shipmaster evidencing that the loading vessel conforms with FOSFA international regulations for ships engaged in the ocean carriage discharge and transshipment of oils and fats for edible and oleo chemical use and also FOSFA international list of banned immediate previous cargoes.	Conform vessel validity for shipping	GOEIC

	Charter party contract	Signed by charters and owners or their agents or booking note. The contract should state the building year of the vessel and full address and contact information of its owners.	Vessel specification	GOEIC
	Beneficiaries Declaration	Stating that the charter party contract conditions such as loading, discharging, demurrage and dispatch are in full confirmation with the adjudication general conditions and any difference between them reflecting additional charges will be at beneficiaries A/C	The shipped oil conform with the terms of the contract	GOEIC
	Vessel Registration Certificate	Issued by the vessel owners or their agents evidencing that the vessel is first class and classified 100 A one and registered in Lloyds registers or their equivalent and that vessel's age is not more than 10 years. In case its age is more than 10 years but maximum 25 years, vessel-discharging facilities should accrue 250 MT/hour. Shipment on vessels exceeds 25 years old is prohibited. The certificate must indicate also that the vessel is eligible to enter Egyptian ports.	Conform vessel age and registration	GOEIC
	Specifications Certificate	A certificate by the exporter, noting the name and specification of the oil or fat and whether or not it constitutes a raw material. If it is not considered to be a raw material, the treatment or processing method used must be indicated.	Conform oil specifications	GOEIC
Meat, poultry, and their	Halal slaughter certificate	Issued by the Muslim associations in the country of origin certifying that the	To conform that the slaughtering process and the	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture,

<p>products</p>		<p>shipment of meat beef, muttons, poultry, and their derivatives have been slaughtered according to Islamic rites, sharea, laws, and requirements, in the presence of its authorized representatives and direct coordination of its general supervisor. That all adequate precautions were taken to prevent its contamination with non-halal and alcoholic products. Accordingly, the meat is halal and suitable for consumption by Muslims in any part of the world. It should include the producer name and address, exporter name and company, the slaughter house name and address, supervisor name, importer name and address, shipping marks, net and gross weight, method of transport, loading port, destination port, slaughtering date, production date, expiry date, description and quantity of the goods, and sate of origin.</p>	<p>products are in accordance with Islamic rite</p>	<p>Ministry of Health</p>
	<p>Sanitary Veterinary certificate</p>	<p>The certificate is issued in the country of origin indicating that the animals used in making the product were examined before and after slaughter, and they were free from all contagious diseases. Cattle or poultry were slaughtered and processed in accordance to health regulations. The certificate is for deboned fresh beef, beef products, and poultry intended for dispatch to Egypt. It state that the meat products and edible meat products are obtained exclusively from bovine born, raised and</p>	<p>Products are produced under hygienic conditions</p>	<p>GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health</p>

		<p>slaughtered in abattoirs under permanent veterinary control of the governmental inspection service in the country of origin. That the animals are originate from districts free from foot and mouth disease and Rinderpest for a period not less than six months before shipment. That the meat are derived from animals which veterinary ante-mortem inspection and were found to be free from parasitic, infectious and contagious diseases mentioned in the inspection law of meat and by products of the concerned ministries. That all bovine nerves, aponeurosis and lymphatic tissues were removed during cutting and deboning, the ligamentous tissues adherent to the spinal column are not included in the meat intended for export to Egypt.</p> <p>That the meat was cooled immediately after slaughtering, preparation and after deboning. Thee method of quick freezing were used and after that storing was effected according to the up to date technical methods internationally recognized. That the meat were handled under hygienic conditions under veterinary control of the governmental inspection services and have not been treated with, and does not contain any preservative coloring matter or other substances noxious for the public health. That the goods are fit for human consumption, and the</p>		
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		animals are exclusively grass-fed and not fed any animal protein.		
	Freezing Certificate	Certificate is issued for frozen, deep frozen, and chilled meat and poultry. It assures that the goods are stored and shipped at temperature of -18 degrees Centigrade from date of slaughtering until date of shipment. It should include the following information: Consignor name and address, consignee name and address, description of goods, packing, production and freezing dates, quantity, weight, shipment date, departure from, destination, means of transport, container/seal number	Temperature certificate	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Beneficiary's Certificate	That the goods are packed in sealed plastics bags and cartons as per Egyptian regulations	Conditions of packaging	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Producer declaration	To confirm that the product is derived from healthy young bull of less than 24 months old.	Conditions for origin of the product	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Inspection certificate	That the products are: derived from animals which received veterinary inspection "ante-mortem" and were found be free from any parasitic, infectious, and contagious disease. That the products were handled under hygienic conditions under the regulations of the veterinary services inspection and has not been treated with, and do not contain any preservative, coloring matter or other substance harmful for human health. That the products are	Conform that the animals are free of diseases and handled properly	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health

		wholesome and fit for human consumption. The beef is deboned. The certificate should include information about kind of the product, number of pieces or packages, net weight, production date, identification marks on the product and packages, consignor name and address, consignee name and address, destination, port of shipment, name of vessel, container number, and any shipping marks.		
Fish	Fishing method	A certificate confirming that the fish was not caught through the use of explosives.	Method of fishing	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Non-contamination Certificate	A certificate confirming that the fish was not caught in areas contaminated by atomic radiation, fertilizers, or pesticides.	Fish is not contaminated with any chemicals or radiation	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Freezing certificate	A certificate issued for frozen, deep frozen, and chilled fish. The certificate assures that the goods are stored and shipped at -18 degree centigrade. The certificate should include the following information: consignor name and address, consignee name and address, description of goods, packing, production and freezing dates, quantity, weight, shipment date, departure from, destination, means of transport, container/seal number	Temperature certificate	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
Dairy products	Sanitary Veterinary certificate	Animals from which these products were taken are free of contagious and infectious diseases or epidemics and lived in an area free of these diseases. The country is free from Rinderpest, from	Food safety concern	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health

		<p>Rift Valley Fever, and that, no Spongiform Bovine Encephalopathy has been detected, nor has the presence there been suspected of. That the animals from which this product was taken from are free from foot and mouth disease. That the milk used for the manufacturing of the product, comes from animals that have not been fed with protein concentrates coming from mamiferous. Milk is derived from cows in which BSE has not been officially identified and bovine herds were not fed with protein derived from animal ruminant. That the milk used comes from herds that are under permanent programs of Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Control. That the manufacturer premises of origin of the animals that comes the milk, have been not been presented, in the last sixty days, any diseases of obligator declaration, transmissible by the milk. That the milk used in these product is free of hormones, insecticides and heavy metals. The raw material wherewith the product has been manufacturers, comes from the country and has been submitted to pasteurization process at 72 degrees centigrade for 15 seconds minimum. That the product is free from harmful materials. That the goods are fit for human consumption.</p>		
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	Certificate of Analysis	It should show the consignee/ importer name and address, destination, transport, product, net weight, batch numbers, production date, expiry date, name of producer, exporter/consigner name and address. The following information should be included: the fat min., moisture max., total plate count, E-Coli absent, Coliform max., yeast and moulds max., salmonella absent, Listeria monocytogene absent, PH, Phosphate negative, Staphylococcus coagulasa max., Oleic acid max., Peroxide index max., Antibiotic absent, Pathogenic germs absent, and metal not detected.	Assure that the shipped product is conformed with the terms of the contract	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Production date certificate	It should show the consignee/ importer name and address, destination, transport, product, net weight, batch numbers, production date, expiry date, name of producer, exporter/consigner name and address. The following information should be included: container number, seal number, batch number, quantity of cartons, production month, validity, net weight, gross weight	Conform the date of production, expiration, and shipment details	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
	Certificate of Radioactivity Measurement	It shows that the products are analyzed by means of Gamma Ray Spectrometry, and the artificial Gamma radioactivity of the sample is lower than the maximum admitted level of 50 Bq/kg, and the product is adequate for human consumption from radioactive point of view. The analytical procedures employed in the analysis follow the international	High Resolution Gamma Spectrometry	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health

		standards suggested by FAO/OIEA. It specifies that the product during the period of production to shipment of the consignment that the product contains total radiocaesium concentrations less than 600 Bq/kg laid down by the EU. The product is fit for distribution and human consumption in country of origin. It must include the following information: D/O, product description, L/C number, manufacturer, production codes, exporter (consignor) name and address, importer (consignee) name and address, country of origin, country of destination, batch number, sample code, packaging, production and expiry date, transport and destination.		
	Certificate of Dioxin	That no sanitary accidents caused, or suspected to be caused, by the presence of dioxin have ever been detected in the production country. That there is an official biological residues plan in effect and that the results of the analysis over the products are below the maximum limit of 50 ng/g of fat matter established. The country placed a plan of monitoring for the rapid detection and the prevention against any pollution and Dioxin.	That the product is free of dioxin	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
Margarine	Type of the oil	A certificate indicating the type of oil in the product, and confirmation that it is of animal, a marine, or oilseed origin.	Type of oil	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health
Foodstuff	Veterinary certificate (if contains meat,	The certificate is issued in the country of origin indicating that the animals		

	<p>poultry, or fish)</p>	<p>used in making the product were examined before and after slaughter, and they were free from all contagious diseases. Cattle or poultry were slaughtered and processed in accordance to health regulations. The certificate is for deboned fresh beef, beef products, and poultry intended for dispatch to Egypt. It state that the meat products and edible meat products are obtained exclusively from bovine born, raised and slaughtered in abattoirs under permanent veterinary control of the governmental inspection service in the country of origin. That the animals are originate from districts free from foot and mouth disease and Rinderpest for a period not less than six months before shipment. That the meat are derived from animals which veterinary ante-mortem inspection and were found to be free from parasitic, infectious and contagious diseases mentioned in the inspection law of meat and by products of the concerned ministries. That all bovine nerves, aponeurosis and lymphatic tissues were removed during cutting and deboning, the ligamentous tissues adherent to the spinal column are not included in the meat intended for export to Egypt. That the meat was cooled immediately after slaughtering, preparation and after deboning. Thee method of quick freezing were used and after that</p>		
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		<p>storing was effected according to the up to date technical methods internationally recognized. That the meat were handled under hygienic conditions under veterinary control of the governmental inspection services and have not been treated with, and does not contain any preservative coloring matter or other substances noxious for the public health. That the goods are fit for human consumption, and the animals are exclusively grass-fed and not fed any animal protein.</p>		
	<p>Certificate of Radioactivity Measurement</p>	<p>It shows that the products are analyzed by means of Gamma Ray Spectrometry, and the artificial Gamma radioactivity of the sample is lower than the maximum admitted level of 50 Bq/kg, and the product is adequate for human consumption from radioactive point of view. The analytical procedures employed in the analysis follow the international standards suggested by FAO/OIEA. It specifies that th product during the period of production to shipment of the consignment that the product contains total radiocaesium concentrations less than 600 Bq/kg laid down by the EU. The product is fit for distribution and human consumption in country of origin. It must include the following information: D/O, product description, L/C number, manufacturer, production codes, exporter (consignor) name and</p>	<p>High Resolution Gamma Spectrometry</p>	<p>GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health</p>

		address, importer (consignee) name and address, country of origin, country of destination, batch number, sample code, packaging, production and expiry date, transport and destination.		
Fruits and Vegetables	Phytosanitary certificate	Products are inspected and /or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free quarantine pests specified by Egypt	Phytosanitary concern	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture
Planting seeds	Phytosanitary certificate	Products are inspected and /or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free quarantine pests specified by Egypt	Phytosanitary concern	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture
	Seed Analysis certificate	Seed were tested in accordance with ISTA rules and are free from insects, epidemic, disease and weed seeds	Seed quality	GOEIC, Ministry of Agriculture

SECTION II: PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE

See section I above

SECTION III: SPECIAL ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Halal slaughter certificate is issued by the Muslim associations in the country of origin certifying that the shipment of meat beef, muttons, poultry, and their derivatives have been slaughtered according to Islamic rites, sharea, laws, and requirements, in the presence of its authorized representatives and direct coordination of its general supervisor. It should state that all adequate precautions were taken to prevent its contamination with non-halal and alcoholic products, and accordingly, the meat is halal and suitable for consumption by Muslims in any part of the world. It should include the producer name and address, exporter name and company, the slaughter house name and address, supervisor name, importer name and address, shipping marks, net and gross weight, method of transport, loading port, destination port, slaughtering date, production date, expiry date, description and quantity of the goods, and sate of origin.

SECTION IV: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Original certificate must accompany shipment at time of entry. Documents may also be sent to the bank instead of the importer.

- Certificates are used for only the accompanying shipment since it carries the details of the shipment
- U.S. "State" issued export certificates are acceptable
- Modification to any certificate is not permitted once issued and shipped accompanying the product.

SECTION V: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Original invoice, bill of lading, packing list, weighing list, health certificate, batch number certificate, certificate of origin, and insurance certificate are required to accompany the above-mentioned certificates to meet documentation requirements of the customs authority for the release of the shipment.