

FDA Export Certificates for Food

Certificate to a Foreign Government and Certificate of Exportability

The FDA issues different types of export certificates for different food products. For conventional foods, food additives, food contact substances, and infant formula, the FDA issues the *Certificate to a Foreign Government* (CFG) or the *Certificate of Exportability* (COE). The CFG is available for products that meet the applicable requirements of the FD&C Act for marketing in the United States. The COE is available for products that may not be sold in the United States but meet the requirements of section 801(e)(1) of the FD&C Act and may be legally exported. The CFG and the COE have the same general format but have different titles and attestations.

The FDA provides several options for industry to customize the information displayed on the certificates to meet importing country certification requirements.

Format of certificates issued on or after June 29, 2020.

The title indicates that the certificate covers either food for human consumption (for conventional food, seafood, food additives, and infant formula) or food contact substances, which are not intended to be consumed.

A subtitle of "Certificate of Free Sale" can be requested on the CFG. This is optional and does not appear on all certificates. The COE is not available with a "Certificate of Free Sale" subtitle.

Certificates will include the name of all products covered by the certificate. Requestors may specify up to four additional product information fields to be printed on the certificate, including:

- Schedule B/HTS number
- Scientific or chemical name
- Product description
- Production date
- Expiration date
- Type of packaging
- Quantity
- Unit of measure
- Value
- Lot number

CERTIFICATE TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT: FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION
CERTIFICATE OF FREE SALE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER	COUNTRY OF EXPORT	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	EXPIRATION DATE	
123456789	United States	Canada	06/30/2020	
MANUFACTURER/PROCESSOR NAME AND ADDRESS		EXPORTER NAME AND ADDRESS		
Test Food Facility 987 Main Street Washington, District of Columbia 20011 United States		Example Exporter 123 Exporter Way Washington, District of Columbia 20001 United States		
PRODUCT INFORMATION				
PRODUCT NAME	DATE OF PRODUCTION/PACKAGING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	QUANTITY	UNIT OF MEASURE
Product #1	06/15/2020	Foil Pouch	50	Kilograms
Product #2	06/15/2020	Box	45	Kilograms
Product #3	06/15/2020	Tetra Pak	100	Liters
TOTAL NUMBER OF PRODUCTS: 3				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
CONTAINER/SEAL NUMBER: 567100 MEANS OF TRANSPORT: Airplane PLACE OF LOADING: DCA POINT OF ENTRY: YVR CONDITIONS FOR TRANSPORT/STORAGE: N/A				
CONSIGNEE/IMPORTER NAME AND ADDRESS: Example Import Company 987 Imports Way Vancouver, British Columbia V5K Canada				
ATTESTATION				
The product(s) described above and the manufacturing/processing facility where it is produced are subject to the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. It is certified that the above product(s) may be marketed in, and legally exported from, the United States of America at this time. The manufacturing/processing facility in which the product(s) is produced is subject to periodic inspections. The last such inspection showed that the facility, at that time, appeared to be in substantial compliance with U.S. requirements for the product(s) listed above.				
NAME AND TITLE		DATE ISSUED		
Example Import Company [Signature]		06/17/2020		
SIGNATURE		QR CODE		

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Certificates include the name and address of at least one entity involved in the export of products covered by the certificate. Requestors may specify the names and addresses of no more than two entities to print on the certificate, including:


- Manufacturer
- Exporter
- Consignor
- Distributor

Requestors may specify additional information to be printed on the certificate, including:

- Container/seal number
- Means of transport
- Place of loading
- Point of entry
- Conditions for transport/storage
- Consignee/importer name and address
- Other language and information that may be required by the importing country

Format of certificates issued before June 29, 2020.

All the options indicated above were also available for certificates issued prior to June 29, 2020. FDA asks that importing countries continue to accept certificates issued prior to June 29, 2020 until the certificates expire.

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CERTIFICATE TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT: FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION CERTIFICATE OF FREE SALE			
Certificate Number: [Redacted]	Country of Export: United States of America	Country of Destination: Canada	Expiration Date: [Redacted]
Manufacturer/Processor Name and Address Test Food Facility 987 Main Street Washington, District of Columbia 20011 United States		Exporter Name and Address Example Exporter 123 Exporter Way Washington, District of Columbia 20001 United States	
Product Information:			
1. PRODUCT #3 Date of Production/Packaging: [Redacted] Type of Packaging: Tetra Pak Quantity: 100 Unit of Measure: Liters			
2. PRODUCT #1 Date of Production/Packaging: [Redacted] Type of Packaging: Foil Pouch Quantity: 45 Unit of Measure: Kilograms			
3. PRODUCT #2 Date of Production/Packaging: [Redacted] Type of Packaging: Box Quantity: 50 Unit of Measure: Kilograms			
Total Number of Products: 3			
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SAMPLE			
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 U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION <small>CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY & APPLIED NUTRITION</small>			
Certificate Number: [Redacted]	Country of Export: United States of America	Country of Destination: Canada	Expiration Date: [Redacted]
Additional Information as Required:			
Container/Seal Number: 567100 Means of Transport: Airplane Place of Loading: DCA Point of Entry: YVR Conditions for Transport/Storage: N/A			
Consignee/Importer Name and Address: Example Import Company 987 Imports Way Vancouver, British Columbia V5K Canada			
Attestation:			
The product(s) described above and the manufacturing/processing facility where it is produced are subject to the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. It is certified that the above product(s) may be marketed in, and legally exported from, the United States of America at this time. The manufacturing/processing facility in which the product(s) is produced is subject to periodic inspections. The last such inspection showed that the facility, at that time, appeared to be in substantial compliance with U.S. requirements for the product(s) listed above.			
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>		Date: [Redacted]	
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