



Iceland - Certification Requirements

As a country which has signed the European Economic Area (EEA) agreement, Iceland has adopted the certification and import requirements in place for the European Union (EU). Consult the [European Union certification requirements](#) for certification of product exported to Iceland.

Note: A current listing of the Border Inspection Posts (Box 1.16) for Iceland is not readily available. Exporters should ensure through their buyer/importer that the correct Border Inspection Post is listed.

NOAA SIP Guidelines for the Export of Fishery Products to EFTA Countries

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is an intergovernmental organization set up for the promotion of free trade and economic integration to the benefit of its four Member States: [Iceland](#), [Liechtenstein](#), [Norway](#), [Switzerland](#).

Guidance on the completion of the model health certificate for imports of fishery products intended for human consumption to EFTA countries.

The following guidance is provided to assist with the completion of the model health certificate for imports of fishery products intended for human consumption as laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005(1) as amended.

It incorporates the notes for guidance listed on the certificate itself and the explanatory notes found in Commission Decision 2007/240/EC (2).

In addition, guidance has been obtained from the texts of the international standard-setting body Codex Alimentarius. In the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001(3) issued by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (4), replacement certificates are foreseen for certain administrative corrections or if the certificates were lost or damaged.

All certification should be done via the NOAA SIP online certificate system. Only as an option when the system is down or unavailable, a PDF version is used. The directions below are guidance for both the system completion and the PDF certification for information required in fields located on the documents.

Certifying officers must verify that all firms that handled, processed or stored the product and its ingredients are listed as current approved shippers to the E.U.

US Facilities should appear on both the domestic FDA List and the European Union Approved list at the following links:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/traces/output/US/FFP_US_en.pdf

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Exporting/ucm126413.htm>

Certifying officers should verify that all foreign sourced material should be from

manufacturing facilities listed at the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/third_en.htm

The certificate must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority of the country of dispatch. Therefore the health certificate must be issued after all the products in the consignment have been produced but before the consignment leaves the country, ideally when the product leaves the dispatch establishment.

The original version of the certificate must accompany consignments on entry into EFTA country (original signature of an authorized officer, the name in capital letters, the qualification and title, and original stamp of the competent authority).

The EFTA countries have elected to use the EU model health certificate with public and animal health attestations. All intentions of the attestations must be met including Approved Facility listings and raw material sourcing requirements. EFTA countries are not participants of the Veterinary Equivalence Agreement between the US and EU, therefore all product exported to EFTA countries, requires physical inspection.

If the product is produced in a USDC HACCP QMP facility a Lot inspection is not required. All documentation verification must still be done for each consignment. If the product is produced in a USDC resident inspection facility or a non-contract facility, physical consignment by consignment inspection is required prior to certification.

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