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Report Highlights:

There are three main government offices in Thailand that require export certificates for food and animal products; the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), and the Department of Agriculture (DOA). There are no changes anticipated despite the recent coup by the military-led Council for Democratic Reform under Constitutional Monarchy (CDRM).

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SECTION I. A LIST OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
54 items of unprocessed and processed food: 1. Infant food and uniform food for infant and children 2. Supplementary food for infant and children 3. Modified milk for infant and uniform modified milk for infant and children 4. Ice 5. Drinking water in sealed containers 6. Beverage in sealed containers 7. Food in sealed containers 8. Cow's milk 9. Cultured milk 10. Ice cream 11. Flavored milk 12. Milk products 13. Food additives 14. Food color 15. Food flavoring substances 16. Sodium cyclamate and food containing sodium cyclamate 17. Food for weight control 18. Tea 19. Coffee 20. Fish sauce 21. Water by-products from manufacturing of monosodium glutamate 22. Natural mineral water 23. Vinegar 24. Edible oil and fat derived from animal or vegetable 25. Peanut oil 26. Cream 27. Butter oil 28. Butter 29. Cheese 30. Ghee 31. Margarine 32. Semi-processed food 33. Some particular sauces 34. Palm oil 35. Coconut oil 36. Mineral drink 37. Soybean milk in	1. Certificate of Free Sale 2. Certificate of Origin	There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S.	Food safety To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.	Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
sealed containers 38. Chocolate 39. Jam, jelly, marmalade in sealed containers 40. Food for special purpose 41. Quicklime soaked egg 42. Royal jelly and Royal jelly products 43. Products from the hydrolysis or fermentation of soybean protein 44. Honey (except where the place of manufacturing does not fall under description of a factory) 45. Fortified rice 46. Brown rice flour 47. Salted water for food flavoring 48. Sauce in sealed containers 49. Bread 50. Gum and candy 51. Processed agar and jelly 52. Garlic products 53. Flavor and scent additives 54. Frozen food				
Popcorn	1. Certificate of Free Sale 2. Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection 3. Certificate of Origin	There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. There is no specific attestation statement. Any statement that indicates negative test result of non-gmo contaminated. There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S.	Food safety Proof of product sample being tested for Non-GMO. To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.	Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Fruit and vegetable	1. Phytosanitary Certificate	Statements vary for different varieties of products	Plant health protection	Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	2. Certificate of Origin	There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in which states of U.S.	To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.	Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Live Animals	1. Animal Health Certificate	Statements vary for different varieties of products	Animal health protection	Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)
Animal Products	1. Certificate of Free Sale	There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent.	Food Safety	Food and Drug Administration
Processed Meat Products	1. Certificate of Free Sale	There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent.	Food safety	Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH)
	2. Certificate of Origin	There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S.	To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.	Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Boneless Beef, Processed Beef Product/ Cooked Poultry meat	1. Certificate of Free Sale	There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent.	Food Safety	Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
	2. Certificate of Origin	There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in which states of U.S.	To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.	Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
	3. FSIS Export Certificate	Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process.	Proof of wholesomeness inspection	Department of Livestock Development (DLD)

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
	4. Letterhead Certificate 5. Export Verification (only required for boneless beef)	All listed statements must be compliance with 14 import requirements imposed by DLD. Any statements that indicate the specified plant has been approved on USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) program.	Assure compliance on all importing conditions Proof of approved plant by Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	Department of Livestock Development (DLD) Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
Processed or Frozen Seafood	1. Certificate of Sanitation & Free Sale 2. Certificate of Origin	There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S.	Food Safety To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.	

SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE(S)**2.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food**

- (a) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

Purpose of the certificate: Food safety

Requesting office: FDA

- (b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.2 Popcorn

- (a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

Purpose of the certificate: Food Safety

Requesting office: FDA

- (b) Name of certificate: Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection

Purpose of the certificate: Proof of product sample being tested for Non-GMO

Requesting office: FDA

- (c) Name of certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.3 Fruit and Vegetables

- (b) Name of certificate: Phytosanitary Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Plant health control and protection

Requesting office: MOAC/DOA

- (b) Name of certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.4 Live Animals

- (a) Name of certificate: Animal Health Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Animal health control and protection and food safety

Requesting office: MOAC/DLD

2.5 Animal Products

- (a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation
Purpose of the certificate: Food Safety
Requesting office: FDA

2.6 Processed Meat Products

- (a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation
Purpose of the certificate: Food safety
Requesting office: MOAC/FDA
- (b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin
Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped
Requesting office: FDA

2.7 Boneless Beef/ Processed beef product and Cooked Poultry meat

- (a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation
Purpose of the certificate: Food safety
Requesting office: MOAC/FDA
- (b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin
Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped
Requesting office: FDA
- (c) Name of Certificate: FSIS Export Certificate
Purpose of the certificate: Proof of wholesomeness inspection
Requesting office: DLD
- (d) Name of Certificate: Letterhead Certificate
Purpose of the certificate: Assure compliance on all importing conditions
Requesting office: DLD
- (e) Name of Certificate: Export Verification (Required only for boneless beef importation)
Purpose of the certificate: Proof of approved plant by Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
Requesting office: DLD

2.8 Processed or Frozen Seafood

- (a) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Sanitation and Free Sale
Purpose of the certificate: Food Safety
Requesting office: FDA

- (b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin
Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped.
Requesting office: FDA

SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

3.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format.
- (b) Certificate of Origin
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.2 Popcorn

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (b) Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the negative result of GMO of sample products being tested
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (c) Certificate of Origin
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.3 Fruit and Vegetable

- (a) Phytosanitary Certificate
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (b) Certificate of Origin
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.4 Live Animals

- (a) Animal Health Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.5 Animal Products

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States);
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.6 Processed Meat Product

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (b) Certificate of Origin
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.7 Boneless Beef and Poultry Meat and Products

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format.
- (b) Certificate of Origin
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate : Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (c) FSIS Export Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate & the request format: Please see appendix I
- (d) Letterhead Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate & the request format: please see appendix I
- (e) Export Verification (required only for boneless beef importation)
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate & the request format: please see appendix I

3.8 Processed or Frozen Seafood

- (a) Certificate of Sanitation and Free Sale

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (d) Certificate of Origin
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance
- (b) Certificate of Origin
- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.2 Popcorn

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance
- (b) Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection
- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the negative result of GMO of sample products being tested
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (d) Certificate of Origin
- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.3 Fruit and Vegetables

(a) Phytosanitary Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment
- The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance;
- Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.4 Live Animals

(a) Animal Health Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment
- The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance
- Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate

4.5 Animal Products

(a) Certificate of Free Sale

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
- Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

4.6 Processed Meat Products

(a) Certificate of Free Sale

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
- Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(c) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.7 Boneless Beef and Poultry Meat and Products

(a) Certificate of Free Sale

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
- Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

(c) FSIS Export Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid only for the particular shipment
- The plant number specified must be correlated with Letterhead Certificate and USDA Export verification
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

(d) Letterhead Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry;
- The certificate is valid only for the particular shipment
- The plant number specified must be correlated with FSIS Export Certificate and USDA Export verification
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

(f) Export Verification (required only for boneless beef importation)

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid only for the particular shipment
- The plant number and FSIS Export Certificate number specified must be correlated with FSIS Export Certificate and Letterhead Certificate
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.8 Processed/ Frozen Seafood

(a) Certificate of Sanitation and Free Sale

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

- Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance
- (b) Certificate of Origin
- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Although the Thai FDA has imposed bans on certain food products, nearly all products are allowable for entry to Thailand. However, the importation of these eligible products is subject to one or more of additional requirements/procedures, including an import permit, product registration, and food labeling. Details of these conditions are available in TH6074 report (FAIRS report for 2006).

In addition, both the DOA and the DLD require import permits. The procedure of import permit issuance is arbitrary and non-transparent. The Thai Government is implementing a long-dormant requirement of inspecting individual slaughterhouse or farm facilities that export animals and animal products into Thailand. Efforts have been made to negotiate a system audit, as opposed to a plant-by-plant audit as is desired by the Thai Government.

APPENDIX I

Outline of Export Certificate as Defined under the FSIS Export Library

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Thailand_Requirements/index.asp

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