



Bahamas Agricultural Health & Food Safety Authority

APPENDIX

FOOD IMPORT CONDITIONS:

1. All raw or minimally processed plant and animal food products require a permit, regardless of quantity;
2. All processed frozen or refrigerated animal products exceeding *50 lbs will require a permit;
3. All foods of plant or animal origin will be assessed in the collaboration with The Directors of Plant Health or Animal Health respectively
4. Provide a current business license that qualifies exporters for general trading activity;
5. Indicate the Competent Authority of the exporting country; (e.g., Food Safety Authority of Country);
6. Include a Health certificate from the competent authority of the country of origin or country of export;
7. Include a Certificate of Origin from the exporting country (an original or authorized stamped copy);
8. Meet the labeling requirements prescribed in Section 23 of the Bahamas Agricultural Health and Food Safety Authority (BAHFSA), Food Safety and Quality Act (2016) - <https://leap.unep.org/countries/bs/national-legislation/food-safety-and-quality-act-2016-No-5-2016>;
9. Agricultural goods may be subject to import requirements based on a risk assessment;
10. Include the Phytosanitary certificate for foods of plant origin, where applicable, as indicated for the Phytosanitary Import Permit; (the import permit number shall match that which is on the Phytosanitary certificate); and likewise, a sanitary certificate for foods of animal origin, where applicable;
11. Submit temperature records for the entire food transport period for cold (refrigerated) and frozen consignments;
12. Submit a packing list with the date when consignment was loaded by the exporter; the types and quantities of food, their description, production/manufacturing, and expiry dates for each type/batch;
13. A Bill of entry/Customs declaration or Delivery order or Bill of Lading;
14. The importer shall provide the supporting documentation proving the truthfulness of any product health claims;
15. Inspection by a Department of Agriculture designated Food Safety Inspector and Bahamas Customs Officer shall occur before a consignment is released;
16. Consignments not listed and/or with quantities more than is stated on the import application, phytosanitary or sanitary certificates and invoices, shall be confiscated and destroyed;
17. Consignments that have been inspected may be sampled for analysis. A consignment that does not meet or satisfy the import conditions may be re-exported to the country of origin at the expense of the exporter and/or importer; or shall be destroyed at the expense of the importer;
18. Any additional documents or certificates related to food safety.

**this is subject to change and will be considered on a case by case basis.*



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