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In frames of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area agreement, when exporting products of animal and non-animal origin from Georgia to the EU, the export product must pass conformity assessment (certification), which determines the conformity of the product with EU standards, and subsequently issues the certification.

2.

Two kinds of certificates are issued for products of animal and non-animal origin – Veterinary and Phytosanitary Certificates.

The Veterinary Certificate is issued for both live animal and products of animal origin. The Certificate confirms that the animal or the product is not diseased and hazardous for human health.

The Phytosanitary Certificate is issued for plants and products of plant origin (fruit, vegetables, etc.), and is a document assessing the product’s phytosanitary condition, confirming absence of harmful quarantined organisms.

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Veterinary and Phytosanitary Certificates are issued by the National Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, and in some cases by the Revenue Service, on the basis of the analyses conducted by relevant accredited laboratories, in order to fulfill requirements of the importing country in cases of live animals (information about diseases, vaccination, animals’ health and wellbeing, etc.).

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In order to receive the Veterinary Certificate, physical or legal persons refer to the National Food Agency electronically – on the webpage [www.nfa.gov.ge](http://www.nfa.gov.ge), or submit an application by hand.

A legal person’s application should include the name of the organization, address, and a statement from the registry of entrepreneurs and non-entrepreneurial legal entities. The application for a physical person should include name, family name, address, and a copy of the ID document.

In cases of exporting live animals, the National Food Agency will require the route plan and statement covering information about the origin of the live animal, its species, sex, breed, age, weight, identifiable markings and place of quarantine, in accordance to the requirements of the importing country.

The certificate is issued on the basis of veterinary control procedures.

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To receive the Phytosanitary Certificate, a physical or legal person should refer to the National Food Agency or the Revenue Service.

In order to receive the Phytosanitary Certificate/Re-exporting Phytosanitary Certificate, the physical or legal entity fills out the request form for the Phytosanitary Certificate and the document for carrying out phytosanitary procedures, and then presents them to the issuing agency, in electronic or written form. The application must include: in case of a legal person – a statement from the registry of entrepreneurial and non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities; in case of a physical person – a copy of the ID document.

The Phytosanitary Certificate is issued on the basis of implementation of phytosanitary procedures, which means assessing documents accompanying the products, researching information on assessments carried out at the place of origin, visual assessment of the product, and the collection of samples for analysis in cases of probable violation.

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Certificate of Origin is also crucial for exporting animal and non-animal products to the EU. The Certificate is issued by LEPL Revenue Service.

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More information about mandatory export procedures from Georgia into the EU, including additional information about the rules of origin, is available at the website www.dcfta.gov.ge.

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