



Ministry of Health
Requirements for Food Health Clearance Certificate

A. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

1. Application letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary
2. Application letter details:
 - a. Date of application
 - b. Postal Address of the applicant and physical business place
 - c. Physical address of the business premise
 - d. Name of the applicant and signature
 - e. Contact numbers in case of inquiries (include mobile numbers)
 - f. Trade and Common name of the food article(s) intended to be imported or exported
 - g. Quantities to be imported/ exported/transit for six months
 - h. Indicate packaging unit, brand name, common or generic product name
 - i. Country of Origin (Manufacturing and Exporting)

Attachments:

- j. If possible, a manufacturers' health / safety manual for the product in question
- k. Health Certificate or export permit from country of Origin
- l. A certificate of analysis from an approved or accredited food safety laboratory in the country of Origin for Microbiological and Chemical Analysis
 - i. For meat, dairy, fish and their products – Microbiology, Veterinary drug residues test, Pesticide residues, tests for formaldehyde and heavy metals, mycotoxins
 - ii. For grains and products- Moulds, Mycotoxins, Heavy metals, radioclines and Pesticides residues
 - iii. Vegetables and products- pesticide residues, moulds, microbiological and mycotoxins, radioclines and heavy metals
 - iv. Fruits and products- pesticide residues, moulds, microbiological and mycotoxins, radioclines and heavy metals
 - v. Salt repackaging- Iodine content, heavy metals, and other requirements as stipulated in Regulations
 - vi. Sugar- Vitamin A Fortification for domestic consumption, pesticide residues, heavy metals
 - vii. Food additives- chemical analysis
 - viii. Beverages

- a. Non-Alcoholic – yeast/ moulds and aflatoxins, pesticide residues, heavy metal and microbiology
- b. Alcoholic – Heavy metals, yeasts/moulds and Aflatoxins, pesticides
- c. Water- Chemical and Microbiology analysis
- ix. All other food products that may not be listed to also have laboratory analysis report from country of origin as may be required depending on hazard

B. TRANSIT

- a. Application letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary
- b. Application letter details:
 - i. Date of application
 - ii. Postal Address of the applicant and physical business place
 - iii. Name of the applicant and signature
 - iv. Contact numbers in case of inquiries (include mobile numbers)
 - v. Trade and Common name of the food products

Attachments:

- i. Import permit from importing country or Export Permit from Exporting Country
- ii. Company registration for Zambian Companies
- iii. ZRA Tax clearance

C. LOCALLY MANUFACTURED FOOD PRODUCTS

- a. Application letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary
- b. Application letter details:
 - i. Date of application
 - ii. Postal Address of the applicant and physical business place
 - iii. Name of the applicant and signature
 - iv. Contact numbers in case of inquiries (include mobile numbers)
 - v. Trade and Common name of the food products

Attachments:

- i. If possible, a manufacturers' health / safety manual for the product in question
- ii. A label in English and the list of ingredients to be presented by percentage in descending order
- iii. A certificate of analysis from an accredited food safety laboratory
 - ✓ For meat, dairy, fish and their products – Microbiology, Veterinary drug residues tests for formaldehyde, pesticide residues and heavy metals
 - ✓ For grains and products – microbiology, moulds and mycotoxins, radiocides, pesticides residues, heavy metals
 - ✓ Vegetables and products- pesticide residues, moulds, microbiological and mycotoxins, radiocides and heavy metals
 - ✓ Fruits and products- pesticide residues, moulds, microbiological and mycotoxins, radiocides and heavy metals
 - ✓ Salt repackaging- Iodine content, heavy metals and other requirements as stipulated in Regulations
 - ✓ Sugar- Vitamin A Fortification for domestic consumption, pesticide residues, heavy metals

✓ Beverages

- a. Non-Alcoholic – yeast/ moulds and mycotoxins, pesticide residues, heavy metal and microbiology
 - b. Alcoholic – Heavy metals, yeasts/moulds and mycotoxins, pesticides
 - c. Water- Chemical and Microbiology analysis
2. All other food products that may not listed to have laboratory analysis report as maybe required depending on hazard

Kindly refer to the following pieces of legislation for compliance:

1. The Food Safety Act No.7 of 2019 enforced by the Ministry of Health;
2. Control of Goods Act Cap 421, Volume 23 enforced by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry; and Ministry of Agriculture (Agri-Business);
3. Plant Pests and Diseases Act Cap 233 of the Laws of Zambia enforced by Ministry of Agriculture (Zambia Agricultural Research Institute);
4. Animal Health Act No. 27 of 2010 enforced by the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock;
5. Biosafety Act No. 10 of 2007 that regulates genetically modified organisms that regulates GMOs of the laws of Zambia enforced by the National Biosafety Authority

Note: Acts can be downloaded from the National Assembly website- go to the laws of Zambia



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**Food Health Clearance Certificate Application form for Transit, Imports and Exports and
Locally Manufactured products**

1. Date of application.....
2. Period being applied for.....
3. Name of the applicant (person/ company)
4. Address of the applicant:.....
5. Phone / Email Address of the applicant:.....
6. Purpose of the goods being imported: Personal consumption/ ingredients/ Commercial
(Transit, Imports, domestic sale and Exports)
7. Country of origin.....
8. Country of manufacture:.....
9. Name of the Distributor:.....
10. Amount intended to be imported/ exported per six months **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
11. Requirements (mark)
 - 11.1 Certificate of analysis from Food Safety Laboratory
 - 11.2 Health clearance certificate from the country of origin **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
 - 11.3 Indicate the form of transport **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
 - 11.4 Conditions of transport / storage: **(Room temp or cold chain)**
12. Name of point of entry into Zambia **(Imports)**
13. Name of point of exit out of Zambia **(Transit and Exports)**
14. Proposed date of the consignment's arrival: **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
15. Designation.....
16. Signature of authorized applicant:.....

