## Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia

Information on the Issuance of Certificates for Herbal Food and Feedstuffs, Substances and Materials in Contact with Food (FCM), Non-animal Food and Feedstuffs

Names and competences of institutions in the Republic of Slovenia that are in charge
of issuing certificates for herbal food and feedstuffs, substances and materials in
contact with food (FCM), non-animal food and feedstuffs (Health Certificate, Global
Certificate, Free Sales Certificate and Phytosanitary Certificate)

The Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food safety, Veterinary sector and Plant protection (AFSVSPP) is responsible for official controls of safety and quality of **food** (except for food supplements, infant formula, food for specific medical purposes, energy reduced diet and FCM, for which the Ministry of Health and Health Inspectorate are responsible) and **feed** in the Republic of Slovenia, as well as for **Plant Health** and **Animal Health**.

Usually, non-EU Countries do not require Health certificates to accompany such products. Whenever required, Attestation/Declaration is issued by official inspector at the Regional Office of the AFSVSPP. In the case that Phytosanitary certificate is required, this would be issued by plant health inspector at the Regional office of AFSVSPP.

If the Health certificate is offically required by non-EU Country, it depends on the guaranties required. If there are Animal health/Public health guaranties (veterinary), Veterinary health certificate would be issued by the offical veterinarian at the Regional office AFSVSPP.

• <u>Samples of the abovementioned certificates</u>

Phytosanitary certificates are available on the website of IPPC: <u>Latest Reporting Obligation - International Plant Protection Convention (ippc.int)</u>

Model Veterinary Health certificates, agreed with non-EU Countries are available at the website of AFSVSPP: Veterinarska spričevala za izvoz v tretje države | GOV.SI

• Information on the verification of certificates (signature circular, verification link, etc.)

All the certificates, issued by AFSVSPP inspectors, have unique number and can be traced back to the issuing inspector. Inspectors are employed by the government, so they are impartial.

• If the certificates are issued electronically, information on the verification process (data code, barcode, etc.)

Phytosanitary certificates and Declarations/Attestationas are not issued electronically. Veterinary health certificates are issued electronically only for cases where European Commission has agreed so with non-EU Country. In this case, certificates are issued in TRACES system.



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