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Agence fédérale pour la Sécurité de la Chaîne alimentaire
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Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain

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BELGIAN FEDERAL AGENCY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FOOD CHAIN (FOOD AGENCY)

Export fruits and vegetables

Implementation additional guarantees related to the absence of quarantine
pests requested in phytosanitary certificates



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Export of plants, plant products, feed and animal byproducts



*Belgium as part
of the
European
Union*

General Context



A public service, independent agency under the authority of a Minister

The mission of the Food Agency is to preserve the safety of the food chain and the quality of our food in order to protect the health of humans, animals and plants.

Competencies :

- Operational regulations – MANCP
- Registration, authorization, approval of business operators (operator database BOOD)
- Export certification
- Prevention, awareness and information
- Laboratories
- Surveillance of the different links to the chain (products and production processes)







The Food Agency as it is today



Phytosanitary export certificate (PC)

1. Name and address of exporter	2. PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE No EU BE/	
3. Name and address of consignee	4. Plant Protection Organization of BELGIUM to Plant Protection Organization(s) of	
6. Means of conveyance	5. Place of origin	
7. Point of entry	 	
8. Distinguishing marks, number and description of packages; name of produce; botanical name of plants	9. Quantity declared	

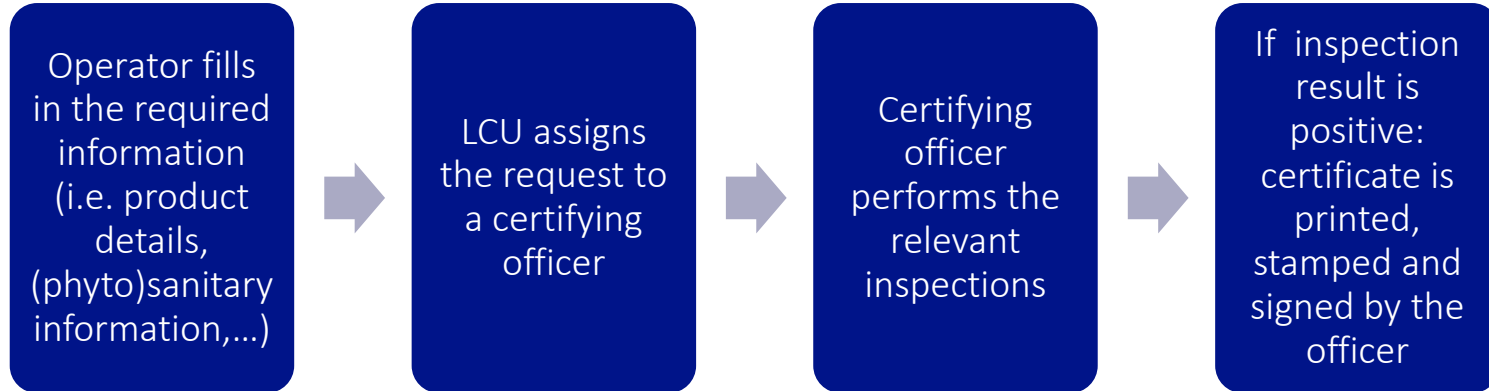
Certificates issued by the Food Agency
in accordance with:

- Regulation (EU) 2016/2031
("Plant Health Law")
- Belgian Royal Decree of 10/08/2005
- Bilateral agreements and protocols
- FAO/IPPC international standards

On request of the professional operator


BeCert – Belgian digital system for application & generation of certificates

- Linked to multiple electronic databases of Food Agency (e.g. BOOD)
- In the near future, further developments in order to link BeCert to TRACES NT



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Combination country/product **Draft**

Depending on the selected country and product, BeCert proposes one or more certificate models that may comply with your request. The certificate models available in BeCert must be completed via the application, otherwise the certification will be refused. All other export certificates to third countries can be requested via **"Other certificate model"**. The completed certificate must be attached to the penultimate step ("Annexes") of the request. The choice of the correct certificate model is the responsibility of the requestor. More information can be found on [our website](#).


Request specifications

Country *


Products category *


Product *


Reference


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
Overview


Combination country/product 


Operator
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Consignment details 

Annexes 

Confirmation 

Comments 



Phytosanitary requirements of importing countries

Belgian Royal Decree: Operator must present official information on the phytosanitary import requirements to the certifying officer

e.g. import license, legislation or other official communication of importing country

Food Agency website:

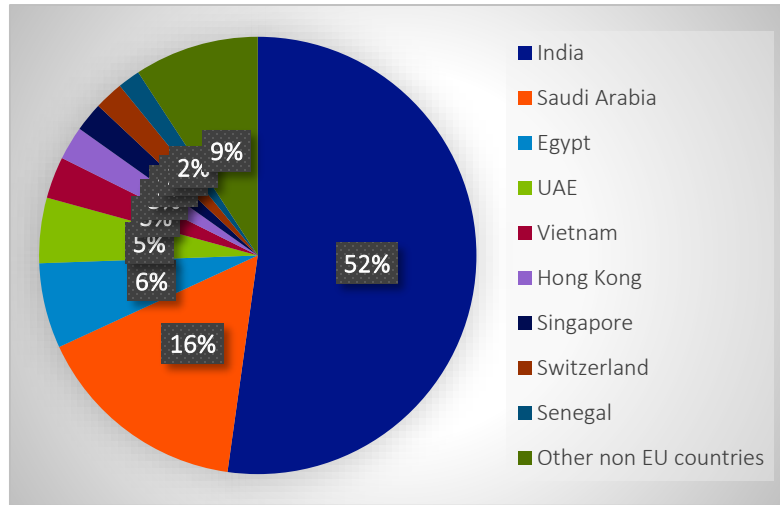
Instructions for specific product/country combinations where a bilateral protocol or integrated approach is imposed by the importing country (e.g. apple/Thailand)



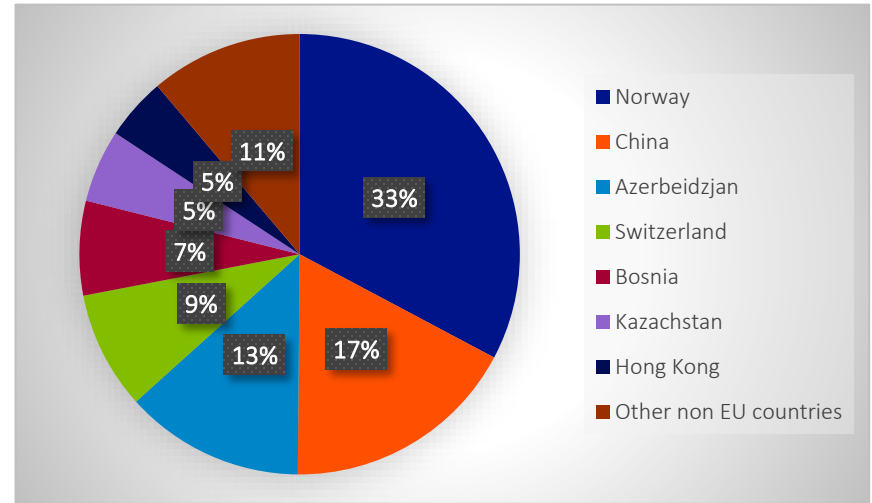
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Export appels & pears from BE to non-EU countries

Apples 2019: 6.441 tons



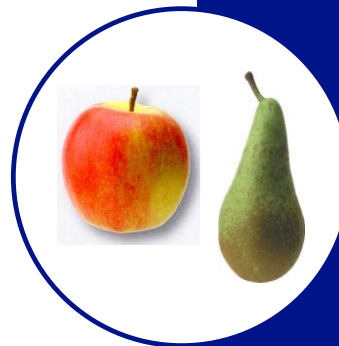
Pears 2019: 15.559 tons



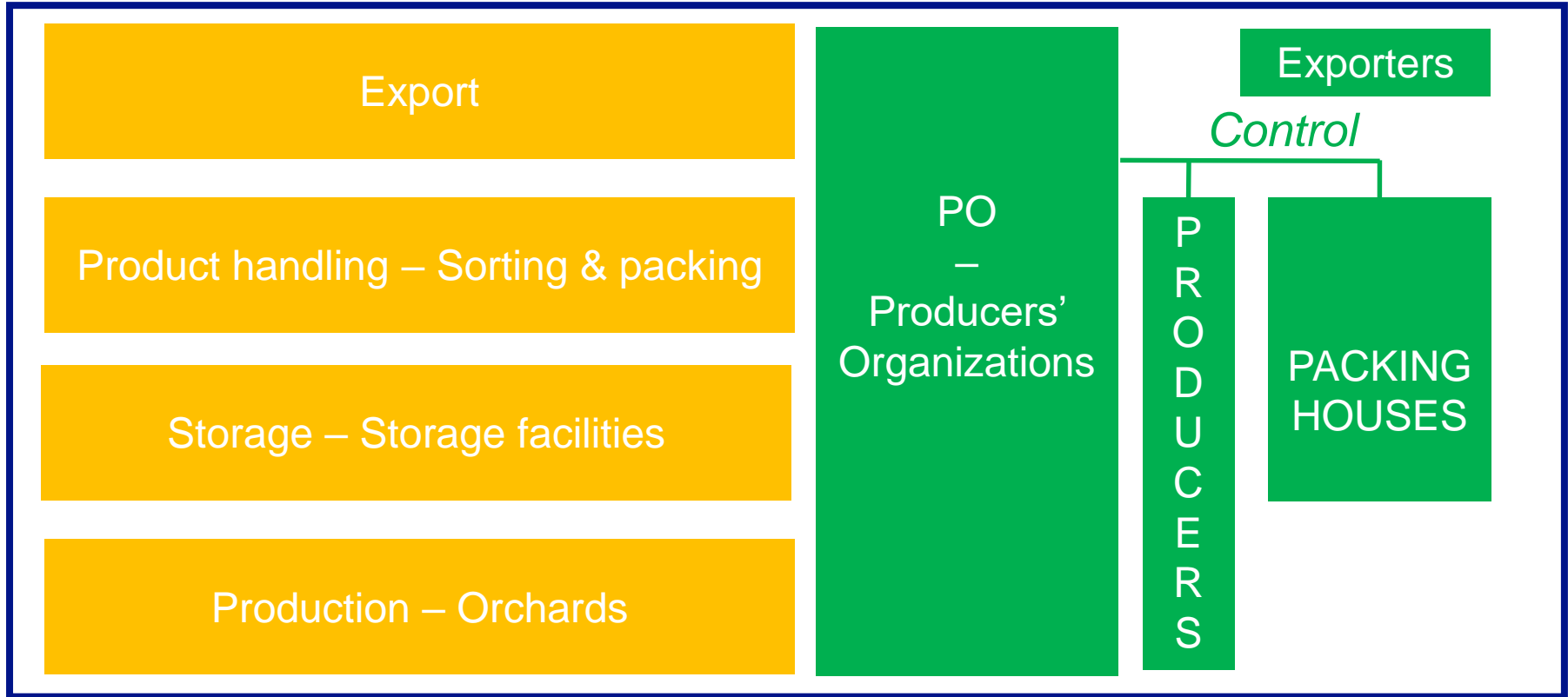
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Integrated measures for pest risk management

- For export Belgian apples & pears to several countries (including apple – Thailand)
- Combination of phytosanitary measures
- In all stages of the process (growing season, harvesting, sorting, packing and transport)
- Special emphasis on traceability
- Specific registration of participating operators



Food Agency (NPPO) – Supervision & Inspection & Phytosanitary certification



Integrated procedure for export Belgian apples & pears

- Integrated sector procedure describing phytosanitary measures
 - ✓ General measures e.g. registration, IPM, validated self-checking system...
 - ✓ Pest and country specific measures e.g. monitoring codling moth, in transit cold treatment, ...
- Registration operators in BOOD
- Additional registration participating operators per country and growing season for export



Integrated procedure for export Belgian apples & pears - Registration

POs	Producers & orchards	Storage facilities	Packing houses	Exporters
Deadline for registration: 15/04	15/04	01/08	01/08	Prior to export

Obligation to notify immediately upon change

Name, address, establishment registration N° in BOOD

Unique field-ID and location



Integrated procedure for export Belgian apples & pears - Official supervision

Pcfruit (Belgian Research Station for Fruit Growing) authorized by the Food Agency to monitor orchards/producers for export

- ✓ Specific instructions and checklist of the Food Agency
- ✓ Notify non conformity and/or the presence of regulated pests to the Food Agency within 48h
- ✓ Overview of all controls within 1 week after last inspection
- ✓ Final decision on approval or suspension of producer/orchard taken by the Food Agency



Integrated procedure for export Belgian apples & pears – Official supervision

- Annual inspection by the Food Agency of each registered packing house at the start of their sorting & packing activities for export
- Reports inspections of the Food Agency registered in FOODNET
- In case of non-compliance, corrective actions and if needed exclusion of operator for the season

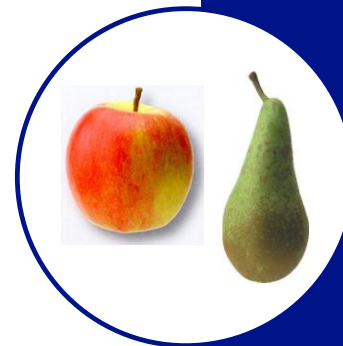


Integrated procedure for export Belgian apples & pears – Certification



- Documentary, identity & physical check
- Verification import license*
- Verification presence of producer/orchard, packing house, PO and exporter on lists of operators eligible for export
- Verification packaging & labels
- Inspection of fruits
- Supervision calibration & placing temperature sensors for in transit cold treatment*

* If required by importing country



Thai market opening for Belgian fresh pears – State of play

- PRA initiated
- Import requirements will be established by DoA based on the result of the PRA
- Belgian procedure to implement requirements will be very similar to the procedure for apple
- Inspection visit?



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