# Help Card: United States of America eCertificate

## Introduction

This help card summarises the country-specific requirements to support our paperless eCertificate exchange with the United States of America’s (USA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). This Help Card supports brokers and importers when lodging eCertificates for APHIS, including for the clearance of goods under approved arrangement class 19.2 Automatic Entry Processing for Commodities (AEPCOMM). More information can be found on our eCertificate imports website: <http://agriculture.gov.au/eCertimports>

## Paperless eCertificate exchange with USA

Since 16 April 2025, USA no longer issues paper phytosanitary certificates. Original paper certificates will continue to be provided for sanitary and zoo sanitary certificates (live animals and reproductive material) and goods arriving as accompanied passenger baggage or via mail. Importers and brokers are given a certificate number where a phytosanitary certificate is required for import clearance. The USA exporter gives this to importers and brokers with other import documentation. This eCertificate number must be provided to the department for assessment, as per Table 1. More information can be found on our eCertificate imports website: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/online-services/electronic-certification>

Table 1 USA eCertificate format

| **Trading partner** | **Government certificate type** | **Document type** | **Document number format** | **Status of exchange** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **USA** | **Phytosanitary** | **USPHYTO** | **F-C-12345-12345678-1-N\*** | **Paperless** |

\* - Note document number format listed is an example of the typical alphanumeric format that USA utilises.

### 2.1 Import declarations processed under approved arrangement class 19.2 from USA

USA exporters must provide the certificate details of the phytosanitary certificate (refer to section 3) that will be used for the clearance of goods lodged under approved arrangement class 19.2. Accredited persons must access the [External Verification for eCertificates (EVE)](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/online-services/EVE) system to view the certificate (and any attachments) in order to conduct the assessment via class 19.2. With the introduction of the EVE system, copies of phytosanitary certificates are no longer required to be kept as evidence under the approved arrangement class 19.2 operating conditions.

Refer to our eCertificate imports website for more information on lodging import declarations under approved arrangement class 19.2: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/online-services/electronic-certification>

## USA copy phytosanitary certificate examples

### USA copy phytosanitary certificate

Below is an example of a copy phytosanitary certificate.



### USA electronic phytosanitary Certificate

Below is an example of the electronic phytosanitary eCertificate. An extract of this may be provided as an email extract direct from the USA APHIS eCertificate system or a PDF extract. This will only be required in specific circumstances. The status will say approved/acknowledged.

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| **United States of America** **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine****Phytosanitary Certificate** **Cert No: F-C-012345-12345678-1-N** |
| **Status** | Issued |
| **Item****Package Details** | **Scientific Name / Common Name***Juglans regia* / Walnuts | **Package Details**Outer:  | **Description**Shelled nuts | **Weight/Volume**Net Weight: 12345.1 pound  |
| **Other Package Types**  | 999 CASES |  |  |
| **Distinguishing Marks**  | LOT 123456 |  |  |
| **Product Origin** | USA, United States of America (US)  |
| **Date of issue** | 16 April 2025 |
| **Exporter** | Sample Company100 Street RoadSpringfield, CA 12345 |
| **Consignee** | Scalzo Food Industries156-174 Kensington Road VictoriaWest Melbourne, 3003, Australia |
| **Exporting Country** | United States of America |
| **Importing Country** | Australia |
| **Loading Port** | Springfield |
| **Declared Point of Entry** | Brisbane |
| **Transport Mode** | Maritime transport |
| **Vessel** | Vessel Name |
| **Voyage/Flight** |  |
| **Financial Liability Statement** | No financial liability with respect to this certificate shall attach to Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine or to any of its officers or representatives |
| **Additional declaration** | Representative samples were inspected and found free from evidence of any species of Trogoderma (whether live, dead or exuviae) in Australia's list of Trogoderma species of biosecurity concern. |
| **Date of Inspection** | 16 April 2025 |
| **Name of authorised officer** | John Doe |
| **Place of Issue** | Springfield, California |
| **Declarations** | This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.  |

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