

For prepackaged food products, product name, net weight of contents and list of ingredients should be displayed on the container in both English and Arabic. Where appropriate, the word "artificial" must be printed. Production and expiry dates must utilize the Islamic Hajira dates and may also be in English.

An international phytosanitary certificate is required for any fruit, seed, plants and vegetables imported into the Kingdom. It must state that the product is free from pests and plant diseases.

A radiation-free certificate is necessary for all food items and processed products trans-shipped through a European port. If goods have been sent directly from a North American port, this certificate is not required.

All meat and poultry products require a certificate stating that the animals were slaughtered in accordance with Muslim law.

Pharmaceutical and medicines require a certificate of free sale acceptable to the Saudi Arabian consulate in the country of origin. This requires prior registration with the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia.

Foodstuffs which usually contain derivatives of pork must be labelled specifically to indicate that they do not contain pork (beef gelatin, non-pork gelatin, vegetable shortening, etc.)

Products bearing labels related to alcoholic beverages (e.g. wine vinegar) or containing alcohol (e.g. vanilla extract) will be denied entry into Saudi Arabia.