

- temporary imports for repair or in-bond assembly;
- bulk goods;
- capital and intermediate goods; and
- certain highly-specialized goods in small quantities.

Mexican product standards are listed in a number of sources, but new standards are constantly in development and no list can be definitive. In most cases, the exporter will need assistance from its Mexican agent or distributor to find out if standards apply, and to submit the product for testing if they do. Information on the application of *NOMs* to specific products is available from the *Instituto Mexicano de Normalización y Certificación (IMENOC)*, Mexican Institute of Standards and Certification, at the address given in the contacts section of this guide.

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

The Mexican *Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería y Desarrollo Rural (SAGAR)*, Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development, requires sanitary or phytosanitary certificates for a wide variety of unprocessed animal and plant products. This includes virtually all edible products, including milk and eggs. Canadian exporters will need assistance from the Mexican importer and/or a customs broker to determine the specific requirements for each product. Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance of shipping.

New certificates must be obtained for each lot. They must demonstrate that the product has been approved for human consumption and complies with all health regulations. Usually, it is sufficient to demonstrate that the product is approved for human consumption in Canada, and many of the certificates are available through Canadian government agencies (see box). They do not normally have to be legalized.

CANADIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATES ACCEPTABLE IN MEXICO

PRODUCT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	FORM #
Meat	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Certificate of Inspection covering meat products	AGR 1454 (80/01)
Fish	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Certificate of Origin and Hygiene	FP-1404 (11/91)
	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Certificate of Inspection (for fish from contaminated waters)	FP-1408 (04/80)
Agricultural Products	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Health Certificate	
Processed Foods	Health Canada	Manufacturer's certificate for export of food and drug products	1002 (2/72)

Note: Samples of these forms are in Appendix B.