# Appendix 3: MFQAA Required Data Elements & Submission of Certificates
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FDA has determined that the following data elements are required to be included on the certificates provided by a Certifying Entity (CE) based on the risk of cesium-137 (Cs-137) for certain foods from certain regions in Indonesia, as described in IA 99-52. Designated CEs may use or modify existing certification formats, provided that the required data elements are presented such that FDA can identify the food being certified as free from Cs-137.

**Required data elements:**

1. Date of certification
2. Certifying Entity (CE) or representative
3. Unique Certification/Reference Number
4. Product description
5. Product quantity
6. Product batch No./Code/Production date/Expiry date
7. Grower/Farm name and location/address
8. Manufacturer/Processor/Supplier(s) name and address
9. Manufacturer/Supplier FDA FEI Number
10. Exporter name and address
11. Invoice/Bill of Lading (BOL)/Airway Bill (AWB) Number
12. Port of Loading and date
13. Means of transport (vessel name, voyage number)
14. Container number
15. US Destination (Port)
16. US Consignee and address
17. US CBP Entry number (if available)
18. Description of CE's Cs-137 testing type(s) (scanning, product analysis)
19. Date and result of scanning
20. Date and result of laboratory sample analysis (if applicable)
21. Name, title, and signature of CE official
22. Attestation by CE: The products described above have been tested and verified to be free from cesium-137 contamination according to current U.S. FDA import certification requirements under Section 801(q) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(q)), for certain products from certain regions in Indonesia.

**Submission of Certificates:**

This document provides procedures to assist designated Certifying Entities in submitting certificates to FDA with the appropriate assurances applicable to import certification as described in FDA Import Alert 99-52. Each certificate must correspond to a single CBP entry.

## 1. FILE NAMING REQUIREMENTS

Certificate file names should be the unique certificate reference number as it appears on the certificate, with no additional text, numbers, spaces, or characters. FDA staff will search for the certificate using the exact certificate reference number.

## 2. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION PROCESS

STEP 1: SUBMIT TO FDA DESIGNATED SITE
FDA will provide a demonstration and detailed instructions separately to reflect the method of submission by the CE when uploading.

STEP 2: PROVIDE COPY TO EXPORTER/CERTIFICATE REQUESTER

- Provide the certificate to the exporter or requester
- NOTE: FDA expects the certificate will be included with the shipping documents for the U.S. Customs entry

## 3. CRITICAL SUBMISSION TIMING

Certificates should be uploaded BEFORE goods arrive in the United States to expedite trade of compliant product. Upload certificates to FDA immediately upon issuance, or as soon as possible.

- Shipments without certificates will be refused entry to the United States.
- Certificates with missing data, incorrect information, or improper file naming will result in slower review at entry and may result in refusal of entry due to inadequate certification from a CE.

## 4. CONTACT INFORMATION

FDA will provide contacts for technical support.