



**Ministry of Health**  
**Requirements for Food Health Clearance Certificate**

**A. Imports, Transits and Exports**

1. Application letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary
2. Application letter details
  - a. Date of application
  - b. Postal Address of the applicant and physical business place
  - c. Physical address of the business premise
  - d. Name of the applicant and signature
  - e. contact numbers in case of inquiries (include mobile numbers)
  - f. Trade and Common name of the food article(s) intended to be imported or exported
  - g. Quantities to be imported/ exported/transit for six months
  - h. indicate packaging unit
  - i. Country of Origin (Manufacturing and Exporting)
3. Attachments
  - a. If possible, a manufacturers' health / safety manual for the product in question.
  - b. A label in English and and the list of ingredients to be presented by percentage in descending order
  - c. A certificate of analysis from the food safety laboratory or manufacturer's analysis report for Microbiological and Chemical Analysis.
    - i. For meat, fish and their products – Microbiology, Veterinary drug residues, tests for formaldehyde and heavy metals
    - ii. For Grains and products Microbiological Analysis to include moulds and Aflatoxins and pesticides residues
    - iii. For Fresh produce- pesticide residues, moulds and Aflatoxins and heavy metals
    - iv. Salt repackaging- Iodine content and other requirements as stipulated in the regulations
    - v. Sugar – Vitamin A fortification for domestic consumption, pesticide residues
    - vi. For Beverages
      - a. Non -alcoholic- Yeasts/moulds and aflatoxins, pesticide residues, heavy metals and bacteria

- b. Alcoholic – Heavy metals, yeasts/moulds and aflatoxins, pesticide residues
- c. Water- Chemical and Microbiology analysis
- d. Health clearance permit from the exporting country

## **B. Locally Manufactured Food products**

1. Application letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary
2. Application letter details
  - a. Date of application
  - b. Postal Address of the applicant and physical business place
  - c. Name of the applicant and signature
  - d. Contact numbers in case of inquiries (include mobile numbers)
  - e. Trade and Common name of the food products
3. Attachments
  - a. If possible, a manufacturers' health / safety manual for the product in question.
  - b. A label in English and the list of ingredients to be presented by percentage in descending order
  - c. Physical samples of the food product for verification of labelling requirements
  - d. A certificate of analysis from the food safety laboratory for Microbiological and Chemical Analysis.
    - i. For meat, fish and their products – Microbiology, Veterinary drug residues, tests for formaldehyde and heavy metals
    - ii. For Grains and products Microbiological Analysis to include moulds and Aflatoxins and pesticides residues
    - iii. For Fresh produce- pesticide residues, moulds and Aflatoxins and heavy metals
    - iv. Salt repackaging- Iodine content and other requirements as stipulated in the regulations
    - v. Sugar – Vitamin A fortification for domestic consumption, pesticide residues
    - vi. For Beverages
      - a. Non -alcoholic- Yeasts/moulds and aflatoxins, pesticide residues, heavy metals and bacteria
      - b. Alcoholic – Heavy metals, yeasts/moulds and aflatoxins, pesticide residues
      - c. Water- Chemical and Microbiology analysis

Kindly refer to the following Acts:

1. The Food Safety Act No.7 of 2019 enforced by the Ministry of Health;
2. Control of Goods Act Cap 421, Volume 23 enforced by the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry; and Ministry of Agriculture (Agri-Business);
3. Plant Pests and Diseases Act CAP 233 of the Laws of Zambia enforced by Ministry of Agriculture (Zambia Agricultural Research Institute);

4. Animal Health Act No. 27 of 2010 enforced by the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock;
5. Biosafety Act No. 10 of 2007 that regulates genetically modified organisms that regulates GMOs of the laws of Zambia enforced by the National Biosafety Authority

***Note: Acts can be downloaded on the National Assembly web site- go to the laws of Zambia***



**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**Food Health Clearance Certificate Application form for Transit, Imports and Exports and  
Locally Manufactured products**

1. Date of application.....
2. Period being applied for.....
3. Name of the applicant (person/ company) .....
4. Address of the applicant:.....
5. Phone / Email Address of the applicant:.....
6. Purpose of the goods being imported: Personal consumption/ ingredients/ Commercial  
**(Transit, Imports and Exports)** .....
7. Country of origin.....
8. Country of manufacture:.....
9. Name of the Distributor:.....
10. Amount intended to be imported/ exported per six months **(Transit, Imports and Exports)** .....
11. Requirements (mark)
  - 11.1 Certificate of analysis from Food Safety Laboratory
  - 11.2 Health clearance certificate from the country of origin **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
  - 11.3 Indicate the form of transport **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
  - 11.4 Conditions of transport / storage: **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**
12. Name of point of entry into Zambia **(Transit, Imports and Exports)** .....
13. Proposed date of the consignment's arrival: **(Transit, Imports and Exports)**  
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14. Designation / Name of the applicant:.....
15. Signature of authorized applicant:.....

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- Application Received by: Name/ Sign/Title .....
- Application Checked by: Name/ Sign/Title .....
- Application Recommended by: Name/ Sign/Title .....
- Application Approved by: Name/ Sign/Title .....

