

## Industry Testing Instructions: Digital Certificate Changes, July 1, 2024

As announced in FSIS' March 22, 2024, Constituent Update, starting July 1, 2024, export certificates for meat (including Siluriformes fish and fish products) and poultry products (excluding casings and egg products) exported to the People's Republic of China ("China") will be digitally signed in FSIS' Public Health Information System (PHIS) and printed on plain, watermarked paper by industry personnel with PHIS access.

Industry is encouraged to use the [Industry Test Environment \(ITE\)](#) to test application submittals for export to China. To facilitate industry testing and preparation for July 1, 2024, FSIS is providing testing instructions in this document.

All attestations and information as documented in the [FSIS Export Library](#) for China will be captured in the FSIS Form 9060-5 remarks section or the FSIS Form 9060-5B (continuation sheet). The FSIS Form 9295-1, all letterhead certificates, and the use of wet-ink signed security paper, will no longer be utilized for exports to China. The FSIS Export Library will be updated closer to July 1, 2024, to reflect these and other changes. For testing purposes, applicants should select the appropriate statement(s) and enter information in the ITE, when prompted by PHIS in the test application, as indicated in instructions below.

For further guidance on PHIS export and enrollment, please refer to the following user guides:

- [PHIS Industry User Guide](#)
- [Editing 9060 Records Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [PHIS Quick Reference Guide for Corporate and Establishment Management](#)
- [Export Batch Guide](#)

Please contact [internationalcoordination@usda.gov](mailto:internationalcoordination@usda.gov) with questions regarding these changes. Technical questions can be directed to [PHISTechnicalQA@usda.gov](mailto:PHISTechnicalQA@usda.gov).

### Instructions:

For all test applications, applicants should enter the following:

- Commercial container and seal numbers
- Port of entry in China
- 9060-5 Data Element Legend (bilingual legend of 9060-5 data element names, and additional data element names from 9295-1 that are in addition to the 9060-5)
- Type of establishment (slaughtering plant, processing plant, warehouse, or dockside) and establishment number
- Any other information required in the PHIS application. For applications that require species-specific or destination-specific (i.e. re-export from China to Japan) attestations, applicants should also select the appropriate statements when completing the export application in PHIS.