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Report Highlights:

This report provides updates on Government of Kenya (GOK) import requirements and regulations for food and agricultural products. It includes applicable laws, guidelines, import procedures, and contact details of key trade regulatory and specialist agencies. Exports to Kenya must be inspected by an agent contracted by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) in the country of origin or supply and be issued with a certificate of conformity (CoC) prior to shipment. Kenya's long-standing import ban on genetically engineered (GE) agricultural and food products remains in place.

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Executive Summary

Kenya's Economy and Developments Related to Agriculture and Trade

Kenya is a market-based economy and is generally considered the economic, commercial, financial, and logistic hub of East Africa. The city of Mombasa features a key deep-water port which handles shipping needs of more than a dozen countries in East Africa. Kenya is a member of World Trade Organization (WTO) and at the regional level, a member of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC), and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

U.S. Agricultural Trade Interests in Kenya

In 2023, denatured ethanol, peas, sauces, and food preparations ingredients were the largest U.S. agricultural exports to Kenya by value.

U.S. agricultural and food exports to Kenya are limited by a longstanding ban on genetically engineered (GE) products. A 2022 decision by the government of Kenya to lift the ban was challenged in a yet-to-be concluded court case. Market access for meat and poultry products is currently limited due to Kenya's use of discretionary import permits. U.S. and Kenya are currently engaged in Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP) negotiations aimed at deepening trade and investment relations between the two countries.

Kenya's trade regulatory policies

Kenya's food and agricultural trade regulatory mandates are handled by various agencies that are all linked to a single online import approval system. Those agencies include the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS), Kenya Dairy Board (KDB), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), National Biosafety Authority (NBA), and the Department of Public Health (DPH). Kenya, as a member of the WTO, is obligated to notify changes related to technical barriers to trade (TBT) and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures. Kenya is in the process of approving a food and feed safety law to facilitate better inter-agency coordination and collaboration.

Section I. Food Laws

Kenya's regulatory system for food and agricultural imports is multi-sectoral and complex. Several government agencies have relevant authority through various statutes. See below a table outlining the scope and role of Kenya's major regulatory agencies.

Table 1: Mandates of Kenya's key regulatory agencies

Agency	Mandate
Pest Control Products Board (PCPB)	Regulates the importation, exportation, manufacture, distribution, and use of pest control products. Enforces pesticide and contaminant regulations.
Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)	Assures the quality of agricultural inputs and produce to prevent adverse impact on the economy, the environment and human health. Monitors and analyzes pesticide residues.
Kenya Bureaus of Standards (KEBS)	Provides standards, metrology, and conformity assessments (SMCA), and examines for microbial and chemical contamination of food.
Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS, no website available)	Monitors pesticide residues in animal products, feed, and animal health drugs.
Division of National Public Health Laboratory (DNPHL)	Examines for microbial and chemical contamination of food.
National Biosafety Authority (NBA)	Exercises general supervision and control over the transfer, handling, and use of "genetically modified organisms" (GMOs), including importation of genetically engineered products.

The food regulatory system is generally consistent with the WTO's SPS Agreement and other international standard setting bodies including Codex Alimentarius (Codex), the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). Exporters and consolidators of U.S. food products should obtain a certificate of conformity (CoC) through the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) appointed Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) agents (see Kenya's [PVoC Manual](#)). In the North America region, KEBS has contracted Société Générale De Surveillance S.A. (SGS) as its PVoC agent. Kenya exempts some select products from pre-export verification, including plants, seeds, and planting materials.

The following laws are applicable to U.S. food and agricultural exports to Kenya:

1. The Public Health Act Cap.242 - Implemented by the Department of Public Health (DPH) at the ports of entry.
2. The Radiation Protection Act Cap.243 (for irradiated food) - Implemented by the Department of Public Health and Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority (KNRA)

3. The Food, Drugs and Chemical Substances Act Cap.254 - Implemented by the Department of Public Health
4. The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Act (No. 13 of 2013) - Implemented by the Kenya Plant Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS).
5. The Crops Act (No. 16 of 2013) - Implemented by the Kenya Plant Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS). Plant Protection Act Cap.324 (for fruits and vegetables) - Implemented by the Kenya Plant Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS).
6. The Seed and Plant Variety (National Performance Trials) Regulations, 2009 - Implemented by the Kenya Plant Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS).
7. The Seeds & Plant Varieties (Amendment) Act, No. 53 of 2012 (for imported seeds or seed crops with potential to grow when planted) - Implemented by the Kenya Plant Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS).
8. The Dairy Industry Act Cap.336 - Implemented by the Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) at ports of entry.
9. The Meat Control Act Cap.356 - Implemented by the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) at ports of entry.
10. The Animal Diseases Act Cap.364 - Implemented by the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) at ports of entry.
11. The Customs & Excise Act Cap.472 - Implemented by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) the ports of entry.
12. The Standards Act Cap.496 - Implemented by KEBS at ports of entry.
13. The Weights and Measures Act Cap.513 - Implemented by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Enterprise Development
14. The Industrial Property Act Cap.509 - Implemented by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Enterprise Development
15. The Trademarks Act Cap.506 - Implemented by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Enterprise Development.
16. The Pest Control Products Act Cap.346 - Implemented by the Pests Control Products Board
17. The Fisheries Act Cap.378 - Implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Co-operatives.
18. The Biosafety Act 2009 - Implemented by National Biosafety Authority (NBA) and KEBS at ports of entry.
19. The Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2010 - Implemented by the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drugs Abuse (NACADA).
20. The Fertilizers and Animal Foodstuffs Act Cap 345 - Implemented by DVS.

Section II. Labeling Requirements

A. General Requirements

In Kenya, KEBS is responsible for implementing labeling requirements for consumer-ready food products.

The GOK requires an English and/or Kiswahili label on all consumer-ready foods. The label should be packaged using even numbers and include the following: metric measurements, a brand/trade name, common name, list of ingredients in order of predominance, date of manufacture, expiration and/or sell

by date, net content in metric units, storage instructions, name and address of manufacturer, country of origin, grade designation (where applicable), and a Kenyan Import Standardization Mark (ISM).

Kenya's new labeling requirements for breast milk substitutes ([Kenya BMS regulations](#)) that were published in early 2021, became effective on May 28, 2022. Kenya does not yet have specific requirements for plant-based meat or plant-based dairy alternatives such as soy or almond milk.

Frequently asked questions and responses regarding Kenya's labeling requirements are below:

Q: *What languages are required and/or permitted on the product label?*

A: The GOK requires English labeling but does not prohibit any other language or combination of languages. It is common to see imported food products with English and Arabic or Chinese language labeling in Kenya.

Q: *Can U.S. consumer-ready products enter the Kenyan market without altering the U.S. label under which the product would normally be marketed in the United States?*

A: All imported finished products for retail must have an import standardization mark (ISM) sticker. Goods with the KEBS Diamond Standard Mark are exempt. More information on these marks can be found at [KEBS ISM](#). The GOK permits stick-on labels for both the ISM and other additional labeling requirements.

Q: *When do stick-on labels need to be applied (i.e., before the product is exported, at the port of entry, or, at the point of sale)?*

A: The stick-on labels may be applied at any point prior to retail sale.

Q: *Are there instances where standard U.S. labels or claims might be considered false or misleading?*

A: To date, there have been no reported incidents of a standard U.S. food-product label being deemed false or misleading.

Q: *For the "Best if Used By" date (shelf life), does the GOK require that the product enter Kenya with a predetermined percent of that shelf life remaining for marketing to Kenyan consumers?*

A: Upon arrival in Kenya, all imported food products must have at least 75 percent of the shelf life indicated on the label remaining.

Q: *Does the GOK grant exceptions to labeling regulations?*

A: Exceptions to labeling requirements have been granted rarely. However, there is no formal process through which an exporter may ask for an exception.

B. Other Specific Labeling Requirements

Q: *Are U.S. minimal nutritional labels sufficient for the Kenyan market?*

A: The GOK requires nutritional labeling based on a uniform 100 grams of product, whereas current U.S. nutritional labeling requirements are based on portion size. However, the GOK does not require that U.S. nutritional labels be changed to reflect the nutritional content per 100 grams.

Q: *Are relative nutrient content claims (i.e. reduced saturated fat) or absolute descriptors (i.e. high in fiber, low in fat) permitted in GOK labeling regulations?*

A: The GOK requires that where a consumer-ready food product carries a relative or descriptive nutrient content claim, it must be supported by a nutritional breakdown of the specific attribute being described. For example, “this product is low in saturated fat, containing only three grams of saturated fat per 100 grams of total fat,” is an allowable statement in Kenya.

Q: *Does the GOK permit health claims on labels, such as “heart healthy”, or regulate the use of the word “healthy”?*

A: Currently the GOK does not preclude any such health claims.

Q: *Does the GOK require that foods produced using novel processes be labeled to reflect the process?*

A: The GOK requires irradiated foods be designated as such on the food container in English. This includes instances where the Radura symbol is used.

C. Genetically Engineered (GE) Products and “Genetically Modified Organisms” (GMOs) Labeling Regulations

Kenya has labeling requirements for GE products. These requirements are found in the Biosafety (Labeling) Regulations, 2012: ["GMO" Labeling](#) and the Kenya Standard KS 2225:2012 on labeling of food and feed products.

Q: *Which products are covered under these regulations?*

A: These regulations apply to food, feed or ingredients containing genetically engineered products, or products derived from Living Modified Organisms (LMOs).

Q: *What are the labeling requirements for processed products containing GE ingredients?*

A: In the list of ingredients, the words “genetically modified” must follow each of the ingredients that have been derived from LMOs or combined with GE products. For example: “Product Ingredients: Maize Meal (genetically modified), Soybean Meal (genetically modified), Salt; Sugar.”

Q: *Does the GOK require any additional labeling for GE products?*

A: Please see Appendix III for information related to possible other labeling requirements for foods containing genetically engineered products or ingredients. Kenya's National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has a clarifying notice at the following link: ["GMO" import regulations](#).

Section III. Packaging and Container Regulations

This section describes potential technical barriers to trade associated with Kenya's packaging, recycling, and container size or material requirements. Kenya has no specific packaging or container size requirements. Due to purchasing power constraints, most consumers prefer small packages.

Q: *Many U.S. consumer-ready foods are marketed in containers specific to the U.S. market based on a certain number of ounces, pounds, or fluid ounces. Can foods be marketed in U.S.-sized containers?*

A: Kenyan importers may market U.S. consumer-ready product in its original packaging/container without alteration, regardless of the container or package size. However, there are labeling requirements that should be considered (see Section II).

Q: *Are there any special municipal waste disposal laws or product-packaging recycling regulations that U.S. exporters need to be aware of in the Kenyan marketplace?*

A: The GOK does not require consumer-product package recycling.

Q: *Does the GOK restrict or limit any packaging materials for consumer-ready products?*

A: The GOK regulates wood pallets used for shipment of food products, but not materials in which the food is packaged. Solid wood packaging material must be treated and marked in accordance with International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) No. 15.

Packaging Sustainability Measures

Since 2017, Kenya has implemented a ban on plastics carrier bags and flat bags in commercial packaging. For more information see: [Kenya's plastic ban](#).

Section IV. Food Additive Regulations:

See below frequently asked questions regarding Kenya's additive requirements.

Q: *Has the GOK established specific regulations to regulate additives in food?*

A: In Kenya, KEBS regulates food additives through the Food, Drugs, and Chemicals Substances Act which can be accessed through [Kenya's online legal system](#) and the KS 660 series of standards. These

standards can be purchased from KEBS (<https://webstore.kebs.org/>). Where there are no specific GOK guidelines, KEBS follows Codex standards on approved food additives.

Q: *Does Kenya maintain a positive and/or negative list of food additives?*

A: Kenya has both positive and negative lists for food additives. The lists are not yet available online but may be purchased from regional or national KEBS offices.

Q: *Are there any special use requirements or restrictions for additives on the positive list?*

A: The GOK restricts the use of all food additives in baby food. Food additives used as oxidants, sweeteners, colorants, curing agents, flavor enhancers, flavorings, or preservatives in food products must appear on the label, using the common chemical name.

Q: *Will the GOK accept the list of Codex-approved food additives for imported consumer-ready food products?*

A: Where an additive is not listed in GOK regulations, KEBS relies on the Codex list of approved food additives.

Section V. Pesticides and Contaminants

Kenya's Pest Control Products Board (PCPB) has regulatory authority over the importation, exportation, manufacture, distribution, and use of pesticides in Kenya. The PCPB is also responsible for pesticide registration and maintains lists of registered products as well as restricted and banned pesticides. The lists can be accessed online here: [PCPB List](#). The PCPB defaults to Codex standards for tolerance levels. In instances where there are no Codex MRLs data is generated through supervised residue trials or through residue data extrapolation under PCPB issued guidelines ([PCPB Guidelines](#))

Other government institutions that enforce pesticide/contaminant regulations include:

- KEPHIS monitors and analyzes pesticide residues by sampling all batches of imported vegetables and fresh produce
- KEBS sets standards, and monitors compliance by sampling food and agricultural products in the market.
- DVS checks pesticide residues in animal products, feed, and veterinary drugs.
- The Department of Public Health examines microbial and chemical contamination of food in coordination with KEBS as guided by the Food, Drugs, and Chemical Substances Act, Cap 254.

Below are frequent questions regarding Kenya's pesticide requirements.

Q: *Has the GOK formulated pesticide contaminant regulations for food?*

A: The GOK promulgated pesticides and contaminants regulations for both bulk and consumer-ready products which are overseen by KEBS and KEPHIS.

Q: *Does the GOK use both positive and negative lists for pesticides?*

A: The GOK regulates based on both positive and negative lists, which are available at regional and national KEBS and KEPHIS offices. These lists are not yet available online.

Q: *For pesticides appearing on the positive (allowed) list, does the GOK establish maximum residue levels (MRLs)?*

A: Yes, in the event an MRL is not on the positive list, the GOK uses MRLs established by Codex.

Section VI. Other Requirements, Regulations, and Registration Measures

A. Facility Registration

The GOK generally does not require individual facilities to be registered with either foreign authorities or with U.S. authorities prior to importation of food products. However, importers of meat and meat products, eggs and egg products, and milk and dairy products must satisfy the requirement that slaughterhouses and processing plants be approved by the “highest veterinary authorities of the country of origin” to receive a necessary “no objection to import permit” certificate from DVS.

B. Product Registration

The GOK does not require products to be registered with either Kenyan authorities or with U.S. authorities prior to importation.

C. Other Certification and Testing Requirements

Below are answers to common questions about Kenya’s inspection and certification requirements.

Q: *What are the GOK’s inspection requirements at the Kenya border?*

A: Products entering Kenya will be inspected at the port of entry to determine if they have a certificate of conformity (CoC). To obtain a CoC, an imported product must satisfy Kenya’s import requirements, as evaluated by the pre-export verification of conformity (PVoC) agents appointed by the GOK. Once a PVoC agent has issued a CoC, the importer shall present the CoC to KEBS for clearance of the goods and apply for an Import Standardization Mark (ISM), a stick-on-label that must be affixed to each retail container. Directions on PVoC can be obtained at: [KEBS PVoC](#).

There are three routes for certification. The PVoC agents review a Request for Certification (RFC) from the exporter before determining the most appropriate certification route and the applicable standard to be used in the certification process. Additional information can be found at: [KEBS](#).

Route A: This route is open to all products being exported by either traders or manufacturers and is mainly for first-time exporters. Products shipped under this route must be tested and physically inspected to demonstrate conformity to relevant standards.

Route B: This route is primarily used by frequent exporters of homogenous products. Registration with an authorized PVoC agent is recommended for products shipped via this route. The product registration is valid for a period of one year. Shipments of registered products are exempt from mandatory testing, and certification may be based on physical inspection only. Random testing of registered products is still conducted to ensure product conformity throughout the one-year registration period. The following products are not eligible for registration under Route B, and must go through Route A:

- Sugar.
- Cereals and pulses such as rice, wheat, beans, and maize.
- Animal and fishery products (fresh and frozen- not further processed).
- Dairy products.
- Fresh horticultural products.

Route C: This route is allowed only for manufacturers with a quality management system implemented into their production process. An audit production process is conducted by PVoC agents, in alignment with ISO Guide 28: 2004. If successful, the manufacturer will be presented with a license for their products, valid for a period of three (3) years or as determined by the PVoC Partner contract validity period. Licensed products are subject to random physical inspection by PVoC agents prior to issuance of a CoC and subsequent shipping. Imported products that arrive at the port of entry in Kenya without a CoC are subject to destination inspection upon payment inspection fee equal to five percent of the approved customs value of the product.

Q: *Does the GOK require that consumer-ready food products be registered before being sold in the domestic market?*

A: The GOK requires that products that are consistently uniform in composition and quality be registered annually with a PVoC agent. Shipments within that year are inspected randomly by PVoC agents.

Q: *Do all consumer-ready food products and food commodities require laboratory testing to ensure conformity with Kenya import standards?*

A: The PVoC agents make the determination for laboratory testing. The GOK requires that a food product meets all Kenyan standards before qualifying for a CoC, and therefore product testing by a PVoC agent should be expected.

Q: *Are product samples shipped via express mail or parcel post subject to import regulations?*

A: Product samples (except live plants or seeds) shipped via express mail or parcel post are not subject to import regulations. However, they are subject to custom handling charges based on product value.

Q: *Does the GOK monitor food products at wholesale or retail distribution points?*

A: Kenya Bureau of Standards conducts random surveillance and requires non-conforming products to be recalled by the producer.

See below a list of documentation and certification requirements necessary to export food products to Kenya:

Pre-Shipment Documents

- Plant Import Permit (PIP) for bulk commodities issued online by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) at [Integrated Import Export System](#)
- Import Declaration Form (IDF) issued by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) found at [IDF](#).

Post-Shipment Documents

- Certificate of Conformity (CoC).
- Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) containing the required Additional Declarations for bulk commodities (corn, wheat, pulses, rice, sorghum, barley, etc.).
- Non-Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Certificate.
- Bill of Lading (three original B/L plus non-negotiable copies).
- Commercial Invoice.
- Packing List.
- Customs Entry Form.
- Certificate of Origin.
- Health Certificates (Cleanliness, Weight, and Quality).
- Insurance Certificate.

Other Documents That May Be Required:

- Fumigation Certificate.
- Radiation Certificate.
- Noxious Weed Certificate.
- Free from Karnal Bunt Certificate.

D. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Certificates

Kenya requires export certification for most food products. For products regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the FDA provides written certification for exports in the form of certificates for specific products. For more information on FDA-Issued Export Certificates please visit FDA's [website](#). Export Certificates include the Certificate to a Foreign Government, the Certificate of Exportability, and the Certificate of Free Sale.

Section VII. Other Specific Standards

Meat, Dairy, and Poultry Import Permits: The GOK requires import permits for meat, dairy, poultry, and their products that are issued by the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS). In addition, each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate of conformity.

Vitamin and Mineral Enrichment: The GOK requires wheat flour and dry-milled maize products be fortified with zinc and iron. Salt must contain iodine and vegetable fats and oils must be fortified with vitamin A.

Laws/Guidelines for Plant-Based Meat and/or Dairy Alternatives: The GOK has not enacted or issued any guidelines relating to plant-based meat and/or dairy alternatives.

Halal Products: The Kenya Bureau of Standards has issued guidelines for use of the term “halal” for meat and meat products (KS CAC/GL 24:1997). Halal certification is voluntary and undertaken by a private sector entity, the Kenya Bureau of Halal Certification: <https://www.kbhc.info/>.

Section VIII. Geographical Indicators, Trademarks, Brand Names, and Intellectual Property Rights

The GOK is striving to improve its intellectual property rights (IPR) laws and regulations. However, exporters should be aware that IPR protection and enforcement can be challenging. Below are common questions regarding Kenya’s IPR laws.

Q: Are there any specific laws on Geographical indicators (GI)?

A: No, collective and certification marks are however available to both foreign and domestic applicants.

Q: Does the GOK have laws that protect trademarks and brand names of foreign-produced food products?

A: The GOK allows trademark and brand name registration in Kenya. The Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) registers products via an application. For more information and a copy of the application, please see [KIPI](#).

Q: Is there a statute of limitations on trademarks and brand names?

A: Trademarks are registered for ten years initially and may be renewed indefinitely upon request.

Section IX. Import Procedures:

The following is a description of import procedures after a CoC has been acquired:

1. The importer will notify a clearing agent (CA) of the arrival date of a shipment.
2. The CA notifies the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) via its online clearing system. The importer must use a KRA-registered CA.
3. The CA enters the arrival date and manifest number into the KRA system.
4. The KRA posts the manifest number to the specified Kenyan bank.
5. The CA pays the relevant taxes using HS Codes and VAT rates where applicable.
6. The KRA agent clears and confirms entry of the cargo to the CA.
7. The CA uses the KRA confirmation to pay the various port charges at the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA).
8. The CA uses the KPA documents, and any related import permits to request clearance from KEPHIS, KEBS, Port Health, and the local police.
9. The KPA conducts a final physical verification of the cargo before releasing it into the domestic market.

Section X: Trade facilitation

Mombasa, Kenya's key port of entry for exports and imports, is managed by the Kenya Ports Authority and has been undergoing modernization reforms. These reforms include reduced import custom clearance documents, reduced queues, faster processing of import declaration forms, real time tracking of containers, and reduced port handling time. These reforms can be found at [KPA DB Reforms](#). Mombasa's port is linked to the mainland through the standard gauge railway (SGR) with two inland container depots (ICDs) in Nairobi and Naivasha.

The GOK applies port tariffs that are available here: [KPA Tariff Book](#). Additionally, the GOK charges an import declaration fee at 3.5 percent and a railway development levy (RDL) at 2.0 percent on goods imported into Kenya.

The entire customs clearance process takes a minimum of three days. Should an exporter or importer be dissatisfied, KRA has adopted an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism to expedite the process. For more information, please see [ADR](#).

Advance Rulings:

Kenya grants advance rulings, if applied for, prior to importation of goods. An applicant can apply for a ruling with respect to:

- Tariff Classification.
- Determination of the origin of goods.
- Determination of the appropriate valuation methodology criteria and the application thereof.

More details about advance rulings can be found at [Advance Rulings](#).

Existence of a Single Window System

Kenya has established the Kenya Trade Net System, a single international trade platform, implemented by the Kenya Trade Network Agency (KENTRADE), to handle all imports into Kenya. The system integrates all import/export certification agencies, customs authorities, and banks. For more information, please visit [Kentrade](#).

Use of Electronic Documents

Kenya has migrated most import documentation to electronic formats, including import declaration forms, and e-phyto certificates. The forms are available to registered importers/exporters or their agents.

Required Fees

Kenya charges various fees to register, train and use the Kentrade system. Applicable fees can be assessed here: [Applicable fees](#).

Existence of Consularization

Kenya does not participate in the international convention that removes consularization requirements for foreign public documents. As a result, several documents must be consularized or legalized by the Kenya Embassy or the Kenya Consulate office in the United States.

Some of the trade facilitating documents that require consularization include:

- Certificate of Exportability.
- Certificate of Origin.
- Export Certificate for Animal Products.
- Export Certificates issued by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Phytosanitary or Plant Certificates.
- USDA Animal Health Certificates.

For more information about consularization services at Kenya's Embassy in Washington DC visit:

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