Export Hurdles and Safety Implications

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Exporting Products

This section includes an export certification checklist, requirements for meat, poultry and processed egg products, export related policies, and eligible U.S. establishments.

Recently Revised Country Requirements and Plant Lists

- Japan (May 19, 2014)
- China (May 23, 2014)
- United Arab Emirates (May 22, 2014)
- Fiji (May 22, 2014)
- Taiwan (May 21, 2014)
- Hong Kong (May 21, 2014)

Export Checklist

This export certification checklist is recommended as a starting point when you want to export meat, poultry or processed egg products.

Export Library - Requirements by Country

Access export requirements for meat, poultry and processed egg products, by country.

Countries with Approved Export Verification (EV) Programs

Eligible products exported to these countries must be produced under an approved USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) EV Program and be identified as meeting the requirements of the applicable EV Program.

Requirements for Processed Egg Products

Access to requirements for exporting processed egg products for all countries, and a list of countries with additional requirements.

Requirements for Equine Products

Information about export eligibility of equine products, including horsemeat.

Eligible US Establishments by Country

Alphabetical listing of countries requiring plant pre-certification for imported meat and poultry products.
Importing Country Requirements

Recently Revised Export Requirements

- Japan (May 27, 2014)
- China, People's Republic of (May 23, 2014)
- Fiji (May 22, 2014)
- United Arab Emirates (May 22, 2014)
- Taiwan (May 21, 2014)
- Hong Kong (May 21, 2014)
- Sril Lanka (May 14, 2014)
- Egypt (May 13, 2014)

Export Requirements for Meat and Poultry Products

For a list of countries with an approved Export Verification Program, visit the Export Requirements for Countries - USDA Export Verification Program page. Visit the Requirements for Processed Egg Products page for information on processed egg products and a listing of countries that have additional processed egg product requirements.

Export Requirements for Meat & Poultry Products

A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z

- Albania (Jul 08, 2012)
- Algeria (May 16, 1999)
- Andorra and San Marino (Oct 15, 2006)
- Argentina (May 13, 2014)
- Armenia (Aug 31, 2013)
- Australia (Dec 17, 2013)
- Austria (Aug 19, 2013)
- Azerbaijan (Apr 27, 2013)
- Bahrain (Feb 10, 2010)
- Barbados (Aug 12, 2006)
- Belarus (Feb 20, 2013)
- Belgium (Aug 06, 2013)
- Bolivia (Nov 12, 2006)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (Oct 23, 2012)
- Brazil (Nov 06, 2013)
- Bulgaria (Aug 06, 2013)
- Cambodia (Oct 24, 2013)
- Canada (Apr 24, 2014)
- Cambodia (Special Import Procedures) (Mar 05, 2014)
- Cayman Islands (Sep 28, 2011)

Export Requirements for Canada

CA-134 (Apr 24, 2014)

Australia(1) indicates the most recent revision to these requirements. To search, click on your browser's "Find" menu, then click on "Find on this page." Enter "F" in the "Find What" field, then click "Find Next" until all asterisks have been identified.

Go to:
- Procedures, Requirements and Exporter Responsibilities for Canada

Eligible/Ineligible Products

A. Eligible Product
1. Beef and beef products derived from cattle of all ages.
2. Meat, meat products, and natural casings derived from cow and steer animals slaughtered in the United States that are less than 12 months of age, and are produced under an approved AMS EV program for Canada are eligible for export to Canada. See Documentation Requirements, Sections A.10 and A.13 for certification requirements.

Additional information about the EV program and a list of EV approved establishments can be obtained from AMS Web sites (17).

If FSIS inspection personnel become aware of concerns that an AMS approved EU establishment is not properly executing its EV program, AMS should be notified at ARGMemo@usda.gov. Inspection personnel should include their immediate supervisor on messages to AMS. The following information should be included in the message:

- Establishment name, address, and establishment number
- Product type, product code, and quantity of product
- Date of production, batch number, and shift
- Date and nature of observation
- Name of country product is intended for export
- Export certificate number (if applicable)
- Any other information to verify claim

Name of Inspection official.

B. Ineligible Product
1. Meat and meat products derived from bison or buffalo. However, Canada applies the same BSE requirements to these products as for beef and beef products. Since U.S. BSE regulations do not apply to bison or buffalo, meat and meat products derived from these species must be produced under an approved AMS EV program. See Documentation Requirements, Section A.9 for certification requirements.

Additional information about the EV program and a list of EV approved establishments can be obtained from AMS Web sites (17).

4. Meat products containing meat derived from animals of the sub-family Bovinae (cattle, buffalo, bison), and sheep and goats, originating in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, New Zealand or Uruguay and that are processed in U.S. establishments. See Documentation Requirements, Section A.11 and A.13 for certification requirements.

Agriculture, Canada, and New Zealand: All types of beef, lamb, and goat meat from Australia, Canada, and New Zealand are eligible for processing and export to Canada.
Foreign Market Plant Approvals

Export Certification Checklist

This checklist is provided as an overview of the steps needed to be taken when you want to export meat, poultry, or processed egg products from the United States.

1. Consult the export requirements for a specific country.
   - Those lists contain information obtained from FSIS direct communication with government officials in the importing country.
   - If a country is not listed, it should be assumed that nothing is known about that country’s import requirements. FSIS will issue the FSIS Form 9060-0, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Veterinary Integrity, without further information provided in the “Remarks” section.
   - For a country that is not listed, exporters are advised to work closely with FSIS for information regarding eligibility of the product, certification requirements, and the assistance of a marketing agent for the product.

2. Check the list of U.S. establishments eligible to export to a specific country for a specific country.
   - Most countries accept products from all Federally-authorized establishments, but some only accept products from plants that have been pre-approved. In the case of countries accepting product from all Federally-authorized establishments, this is indicated in the country requirements under the section entitled “Plant Eligibility.”
   - If the country requires pre-certification of the establishment, obtain and complete FSIS Form 9060-3, Plant Inspection Application for Export, from the FSIS inspection official assigned to the establishment or from the FSIS regional office.

According to the Export Administration Act of 1979, an agency may not conduct an export and is not required to respond to a request for information unless it is in the public interest and does not prejudice the national interest. The USDA may reject the information collected if it is not complete or accurate, and the request is processed under the Public Records Act.
- FSIS Form 9060-6, Application
- USDA – FSIS Form 9060-5, Certificate of Wholesomeness
  • Labeling
  - USMEF Bilingual Label Manual
  • Mark of Inspection – Export
Export Documentation
Additional Certificates

Letterhead Export Verification
and Statements of Verification

Certificates of Authenticity
Export Guidelines

USMEF provides tools to break into new markets or expand the business in existing markets. These resources include information about animal health and disease issues, an updated list of U.S. red meat suppliers, help to navigate the intricate requirements of the USDA and importing countries, the Branded Products Program and the International Meat Manual. USMEF’s Technical Notes apprise members of changes to export regulations and warnings about specific documentation problems, and are e-mailed to members as they occur. The export resources also contain information on the various beef export verification programs and help with bilingual labeling requirements.

- USDA FSIS Library of Export Requirements
- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Chile
- Guidance document for beef exports to Chile

China
- China Order 136: Label Requirements, Exterior and Interior

Colombia
- Export Guidelines

Costa Rica
- Background and FAQs on Product Registration Requirements for Costa Rica

European Union
- USMEF Guidance Document: EU Facility and Process
- USMEF Guidance Document: EU High Quality Beef Quota Documentation

http://www.usmef.org/export-guidelines/
USMEF Exporter Updates/Alerts

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- August 19, 2016 - WTO Panel Rejects Russia’s ASF-related Ban on EU Pork, but Trade Obstacles Remain
- August 18, 2016 - More Details on China’s Zika Mitigation Requirements
- August 18, 2016 - USTR Accepting Comments on Russia’s Compliance with WTO Obligations
- August 18, 2016 - Australia Plant List
- August 18, 2016 - Steady Week for Exports; Beef Sales Lower
- August 17, 2016 - Indonesia Expands Market Access for Imported Beef
- August 17, 2016 - Spanish Pork Cleared for Import into Mexico
- August 16, 2016 - Notice to Companies Interested in Exporting Beef to Brazil
- August 16, 2016 - USDA-AMS Announces Changes in Ham Primal Calculation; Webinar Set for Aug. 24
- August 16, 2016 - Pork Shoulder, Hams, Heads for China
- August 15, 2016 - Resources Available to Assist with FDA Transportation Requirements
- August 15, 2016 - Update on Kurdistan’s Beef Import Requirements
- August 12, 2016 - White House Submits Statement of Administrative Action on TPP
- August 12, 2016 - ILWU Vote Provides Momentum for Early Contract Extension Talks
- August 12, 2016 - More Plant List Updates for Mexico
- August 11, 2016 - Update on Zika Mitigation Requirements for China
- August 11, 2016 - Some Labeling Requirements for Japan Now Incorporated by Reference
- August 11, 2016 - Exports to Canary Islands Must Follow EU Requirements
Markets Limited Due to BSE

- Saudi Arabia (‘12)
  - Opened July, (‘16)
- Brazil (‘16??)

Legend:
- Red: Closed
- Yellow: Restricted
AMS Export Verification (EV) Programs

- Plant programs audited by AMS to ensure certain exclusion and/or segregation programs are followed for specific countries = added cost to product
Export Verification

Import & Export Certificates

Overview

How to apply for Service

Export Verification Programs

Animal Protein Free Verification

Bovine, Ovine & Caprine Verification

Dairy Export Certificates

Eggs and Egg Products

Laboratory Approval Program

LT360 Age Verification

Never Fed Beta Agonists

Non Hormone Treated Castle

Porcine Export Certification

Pork for the European Union

Poultry Export Verification

Poultry Export Verification Program for Korea and South Africa

Poultry to Russia Federation

QSA SCMPA Program

RTE Canada YF Program

Specialty Crop Export Verification

Import/Export Certificates

Imports

Specialty Crops

The AMS Specialty Crops Program administers Marketing Orders and Section 8e Import regulations that apply quality standards to certain perishable fruits and vegetables entering the United States. These standards ensure that consumers have access to high-quality products and ensure that the American produce industry and imports are competing on a level playing field.

Learn about importing fruits, vegetables & specialty crops >

Shell Eggs

Additionally, AMS routinely inspects egg imports for compliance with U.S. quality standards, including storage and transportation temperature requirements.

Learn more about breaking stock >

Learn more about table eggs >

Exports

News & Announcements

• 08/23 USDA Proposes Assessment Rate Increase for Washington Apricot Handlers

• 08/18 USDA Orange Juice Purchase Program Announced

• 08/18 USDA Lifts PACA Reparation Sanctions on New York Produce Business

View all news & announcements >

Events

• 09/15 PDP Stakeholder Meeting

Recent Blogs

• 06/21 U.S. Soybeans Help Feed the World

• 06/13 Supporting U.S. Egg Exports – All in a Day’s Work for a USDA Egg Grader

• 06/06 Helping Reduce Risk and

PHIS-Export

Submit 9060-6 Application

Export Application 9060-6 has been submitted successfully.

9060 Application Header
- Establishment Name: [Redacted]
- Establishment Number: [Redacted]
- Application Type: New Application
- Shipment Type: Commercial Sale
- Application Number: 7101414
- Country of Destination: ARUBA

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 312, 322, 350, 362, 381, 590, and 592

[Docket No. FSIS-2009-0026]
RIN 0583-AD41

Electronic Export Application and Certification Charge;
Flexibility in the Requirements for Export Inspection Marks, Devices,
and Certificates; Egg Products Export Certification

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

Issue Date June 29, 2016
Applicability Date June 29, 2017
PHIS-Export Federal Register Notice
FSIS-2009-0026

• Electronic application and certification system

• **Electronic Application Fee ($4.03 per application)**, additional certifications will be charged as a certification service.

• **Additions**
  
  • Certificate copies will be allowed
  
  • Egg product export applications and certification
  
  • **7 digit export mark or unique identifier**, FSIS will not narrowly define the unique identifier. FSIS envisions the alternative mark as an alphanumeric sequence that uniquely identifies the shipment and links it to the export certificate.
  
  • **Stamping the Certificate number on pallets (securely enclosed such as shrink-wrap), or other closed means of conveyance transporting the consignment (truck, railcar or ocean container)**. The 7 digit export mark or unique identifier on the pallets or other means of conveyance must link to the export certificate 7 digit export mark or unique identifier
  
  • Changed the term “in lieu of certificate to “replacement certificates”

• **Deletions**
  
  • “Upon Request” (poultry)
  
  • Triplicate and duplicate forms
  
  • Filing a copy of the Export Cert with Customs and Border Patrol
Countries with Pathogen Import Standards on Raw Products

- **China** (E. coli O157, Staph., LM, Salmonella spp.)
- **South Korea** (E. coli O157, LM, Salmonella spp.)
- **Singapore** (STEC, Staph.)
- **USA** (E. coli O157, STEC)
- **GCC** (E. coli O157, Staph., Salmonella spp.)
- **Russia** (Staph., LM, Salmonella spp.)
- **Japan** (Staph., Salmonella spp.)
- **China** (E. coli O157, Staph., LM, Salmonella spp.)
- **Australia/New Zealand** (Staph., Salmonella spp.)
- **Vietnam** (Salmonella spp.)
- **EU** (Salmonella spp., STEC, ESBL)
- **Egypt** (Very stringent, but unknown, pathogen and generic standards)

**Legend:**
- **E. coli O157**: Enterohemorrhagic E. coli O157
- **STEC**: Shiga toxin-producing E. coli
- **ESBL**: Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase
- **Staph.**: Staphylococcus aureus
- **LM**: Listeria monocytogenes
- **Salmonella spp.**: Salmonella species
Raw Finished Product Testing

- Generics serve as a general indicator of bacteria load and suitable process control/cold chain management
  - Generic *E. coli*, APC, coliforms
- Export markets are moving to pathogen specific testing for **raw, intact** products
  - *E. coli* O157, STECs, *Listeria monocytogenes, Staphylococcus aureus, Salmonella*
- Non risk-based pathogen testing
  - No differentiation between intact and non-intact (or components)
  - No differentiation between raw and RTE
  - No differentiation between species
  - Retail Market Testing
U.S. Import Testing

- Import testing standards mirror our risk-based regulations regarding adulterants
  - *Listeria monocytogenes*
    - RTE meats
  - *E. coli* O157:H7, O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145
    - Raw, non-intact beef and non-intact components, e.g. trim
FSIS Directive 7120.1

SAFE AND SUITABLE INGREDIENTS USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF MEAT, POULTRY, AND EGG PRODUCTS

~150 Japan 20 Singapore 9 European Union 1
Animal Welfare

- 5 Freedoms
- OIE Code
  - ISO Technical Specification
- EU Issues
  - British National Pig Assoc. Wall of Fame...Shame
  - Gestation Stalls
  - Pain Mitigation – Dehorning and Castration
  - Religious Slaughter without stunning