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Food Safety and
Inspection Service

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Dear Importer or Customs Broker,

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is notifying you of upcoming changes to the FSIS website. Specifically, on July 23, 2018, FSIS will release a new Import Library webpage, improving upon the current [Eligible Countries/Products](#) section of the FSIS website.

The new FSIS Import Library webpage is more user-friendly and will serve to enhance transparency. The webpage will provide links to country-specific pages for equivalent countries that are eligible to export to the United States (U.S.). The eligible species, Process Categories, Product Categories, and Product Groups will be identified for each eligible country on the country-specific pages. The information detailed on the country-specific pages aligns with the [FSIS Product Categorization](#) guide and the Public Health Information System (PHIS). The country-specific pages for each eligible country page will also list any applicable Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) animal disease restrictions, and include direct, disease-specific links to APHIS' website and regulations. FSIS will indicate updates next to a country's name on the Import Library webpage and any updates on the country-specific pages by adding a yellow highlighted asterisk.

FSIS will be conducting a webinar on the Import Library on Tuesday July 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. EST. The webinar will discuss the new Import Library and associated updates to clarify foreign countries' eligibilities to export meat, poultry, or egg products to the U.S. To access the webinar, visit <http://ems8.intellor.com/login/806446> and follow the on-screen instructions. Use the following information when logging on: meeting phone number, 1-877-369-5243 or 1-617-668-3633; access code: 0994080. Please be sure to log on as a participant. For questions, contact Brianna Robinson-Verloop at Brianna.Robinson-Verloop@fsis.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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