USDA Export Verification (EV) Program: Specified Product Requirements for Bovine - Mexico

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. bovine products (beef and veal) to Mexico under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughters, fabricators, and processors) of bovine products that are eligible for export to Mexico as listed on the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website. Suppliers who wish to label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Mexico under the EV Program must meet these requirements through an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program.

3 References

ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/MEXICO.HTM http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevmexico.htm

4 Specified Product Requirements

- 4.1 Boneless beef, boneless beef products, bone-in beef, bone-in beef products, prepared beef products, ground beef, and offal, must meet the following requirements:
 - 4.1.1 Be derived from cattle younger than 30 months of age at the time of slaughter using the procedures verified by FSIS as incorporated into the facility's HACCP, Sanitation SOP's, or prerequisite program.
- 4.2 Veal and veal products must be derived from animals 36 weeks of age or younger at the time of slaughter.
- 4.3 Beef and beef products legally imported from Australia or New Zealand may be used.
- 4.4 Boneless beef (excluding trimmings), tongue, and tripe imported from establishments in Canada may be used.
- 4.5 Identification Requirements For all items:
 - 4.2.1 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement "Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Mexico" and must clearly identify the product and product quantity.

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5 **Listing of Approved Programs**

Only U.S. suppliers that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for Mexico will be listed on the Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the Bovine EV Program for Mexico.

Responsibilities

U.S. suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures, and ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program.

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