



USDA Beef Export Verification (BEV) Program: Specified Product Requirements for Canada

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. beef to Canada under the USDA Beef Export Verification (BEV) Program.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughterers, fabricators, or processors) of beef, beef products, and beef offal items that are eligible for export to Canada 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 Canada under the BEV 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/canada.htm>

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevcanada.htm>

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 Material Requirements –

4.1.1 Beef, beef products, and offal, excluding livers, must 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.

4.1.2 Knives, steels, and other tools, excluding carcass splitting saws, that are used to sever and remove the spinal cord must be used exclusively on carcasses of animals younger than 30 months of age.

4.2 Identification Requirements –

4.2.1 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement "Product Meets BEV Program Requirements for Canada" and must clearly identify the product and product quantity.

5 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. suppliers that have an approved USDA QSA Program and have demonstrated the ability to produce products in accordance with this Procedure will be listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the Beef Export Verification (BEV) Program for Canada*.

6 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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