



## USDA Export Verification (EV) Program Specified Product Requirements for Beef - Vietnam

### 1 Purpose

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

### 2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of beef and beef products that are eligible for export to Vietnam as listed on the FSIS Export website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Vietnam under the EV Program through an approved USDA QSA Program. The requirements for the QSA Program are defined in *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*. The QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system.

Only companies with an approved USDA QSA Program for the EV Program for Vietnam may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Vietnam under the EV Program.

### 3 Reference Documents

*ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*

*ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*

*Export Verification Programs Additional Requirements*

FSIS export website: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&Policies/export\\_information/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/export_information/index.asp)

EV Official Listing: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevlisting.htm>

### 4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 Beef and beef products must meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Be derived from animals less than 30 months of age; and

4.1.2 Does not contain the following SRM tissues: brain, skull, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, tonsils, distal ileum, vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wing of the sacrum), and dorsal root ganglia.

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## 5 Shipping Documentation

5.1 Identification of conforming product during shipment and delivery must be documented on the shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee). The shipping documentation must:

5.1.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

5.1.2 Contain one of the following applicable statements:

5.1.2.1 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Vietnam" - This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export.

5.1.2.2 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Vietnam excluding final fabrication requirements" - This statement is used for items that must be further fabricated to meet all requirements prior to being eligible for export.

## 6 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. companies who generate products that meet the specified product requirements for Vietnam are listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to Export for Vietnam*.

## 7 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*.