



USDA Export Verification (EV) Program Specified Product Requirements for Specified Risk Materials (SRM)-Free Bovine Inedible Raw Materials

1 Purpose

This USDA Export Verification (EV) Program for SRM-Free Bovine Inedible Raw Materials sets forth the requirements to produce SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials intended for use as an ingredient in U.S. animal feed, pet food, **and other products** that are offered for export to countries requiring the product to be free of bovine SRM.

2 Scope

This Program may be used by U.S. companies that supply bovine inedible raw materials intended for use as an ingredient in U.S. animal feed, pet food, **and other products**. Companies must meet the specified product requirements of this EV Program through an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (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.

Inspections of rendering facilities that receive SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials produced under this Program are conducted by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services.

3 Reference Documents

ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program, General Policies and Procedures
ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program

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

4 Requirements

- 4.1 U.S. companies must meet all applicable policies and procedures outlined in this document: *ARC 1000 Procedure*, and *ARC 1002 Procedure*.

- 4.2 Slaughter facilities must implement a QSA-EV Program to meet the requirements of this document.

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5 Specified Product Requirements

- 5.1.1 For Canada, bovine SRMs must be removed from inedible raw materials. The following materials from cattle are specified risk materials for Canada: the brain, skull, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum), and dorsal root ganglia of cattle 30 months of age and older; the tonsils of all cattle; and the distal ileum of all cattle. (9 CFR 310.22)
- 5.1.2 For the European Union, product must be derived from carcasses that have passed FSIS post-mortem inspection. Bovine SRMs must be removed from inedible raw materials. For the purposes of this program, the following materials from cattle are specified risk materials for the European Union: vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the spinous and transverse processes of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar vertebrae, and the median sacral crest and wings of the sacrum) and the dorsal root ganglia of cattle 30 months of age and older; and the skull (excluding the mandible), brain, eyes, spinal cord, tonsils, intestines from the duodenum to the rectum, and mesentery of all cattle. In addition, product must not be derived from mechanically separated meat.

6 Shipping Documentation

- 6.1 Shipping documentation is not required when conforming product is delivered to an onsite rendering facility that is in conjunction with the harvest or processing facility.
- 6.2 Shipping documentation is required when conforming product is delivered to an offsite rendering facility that is not in conjunction with the harvest or processing facility.
- 6.2.1 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:
- 6.2.1.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and
- 6.2.1.2 Contain the following statement: "Product meets EV Program requirements for production of SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials." **The statement must identify the country. (For example: Product meets EV Program requirements for production of SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials for Canada.)**
- 6.3 Shipping documentation is required when conforming product is delivered to a facility for inclusion in animal feed, pet food, **and/or other products.**
- 6.3.1 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:



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6.3.1.2 Contain the following statement: "Product meets EV Program requirements for SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials." **The statement must identify the country. (For example: Product meets EV Program requirements for production of SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials for Canada.)**

7 Listing of Approved Programs

Only U.S. companies that have an approved USDA QSA Program that meets the specified product requirements for SRM-free bovine inedible raw materials are listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the USDA EV Program for SRM-Free Bovine Inedible Raw Materials*.