



## USDA Export Verification (EV) Program: Specified Product Requirements for Ovine

### 1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. ovine items under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

### 2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughters, fabricators, and processors) of ovine items that are eligible for export 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 ovine under this 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.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/canada.pdf>

### 4 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*.

Suggested changes to this Procedure should be submitted via e-mail to the ARC Branch Program Manager.

### 5 Listing of Approved Programs

Only U.S. suppliers that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for this Program will be listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the Export Verification Program for Ovine*.

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## 6 Specified Product Requirements

### 6.1 Mexico:

6.1.1 Ovine items as listed on the FSIS website must be derived from ovine meeting one of the following requirements:

6.1.1.1 Ovine that are traceable to live production records which indicate they are less than 12 months of age at the time of slaughter or;

6.1.1.2 Ovine carcasses which do not exhibit the dental characteristic of the eruption of a permanent incisor through the gum, determined during the harvest process.

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

### 6.2 Canada:

6.2.1 Ovine items as listed on the FSIS website must be derived from ovine meeting at one of the following requirements:

6.2.1.1 Ovine that are traceable to live production records which indicate they are less than 12 months of age at the time of slaughter or;

6.2.1.2 Ovine carcasses which do not exhibit the dental characteristic of the eruption of a permanent incisor through the gum, determined during the harvest process.

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