



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

1 Purpose

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

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of boneless beef items that are eligible for export to Thailand as listed on the FSIS Export website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Thailand 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 Thailand may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Thailand 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
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/export_information/index.asp
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevlisting.htm>

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 The boneless beef must meet the following requirements:

- 4.1.1 Be derived from animals less than 30 months of age, and of U.S. origin or legally imported in accordance with U.S. import requirements;
- 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 and;
- 4.1.3 Does not contain meat from advanced meat recovery and mechanically separated meat.

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- 4.2 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement “Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Thailand” and must clearly identify the product and product quantity.

5 Listing of Approved Programs

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

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*.