



## **USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION (EV) PROGRAM: SPECIFIED PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS FOR BOVINE – AUSTRALIA**

### **1 Purpose**

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing retorted beef, beef products, and beef flavors with <5% and >5% beef (eg. canned) to Australia under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

### **2 Scope**

These requirements apply to U.S. companies (harvesters, fabricators, and/or processors/further processors) that supply retorted beef, beef products, and beef flavors with <5% and >5% beef for export as listed on the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Export Library Web site. Companies must meet the specified product requirements through an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program. The requirements for the USDA QSA Program are defined in QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*. The QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system, and that product is identified and traceable through the system.

Only companies with an approved USDA QSA Program for the EV Program may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for export. As an alternative to the USDA QSA Program, companies may apply the requirements of the USDA Process Verified Program to meet the specified product requirements. The requirements of the USDA Process Verified Program are defined in QAD 1001 Procedure: *USDA Process Verified Program (PVP)*.

### **3 Reference Documents**

QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs General Policies and Procedures*

QAD 1001 Procedure: *USDA Process Verified Program (PVP)*

QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*

QAD 1030: *EV Programs Additional Requirements*

[USDA FSIS: Export Library – Requirements by Country website](#)

[Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs: Australia.](#)

### **4 Specified Product Requirements**

- 4.1 Eligible retorted beef, beef products, and beef flavors with <5% and >5% beef, as listed on the FSIS website, must be derived from animals that are born and raised in the U.S. or legally imported from Mexico and harvested in the U.S.
- 4.2 Carcasses, bovine meat, and meat products must be uniquely identified and controlled up until the time of shipment.



## 5. Shipping Documentation

### 5.1 For Retorted Beef, Beef Products, or Beef Flavorings with <5% or >5% Beef

5.1.1 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:

5.1.2 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

5.1.3 Contain the statement:

5.1.3.1 “Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Australia”

This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export; or

5.1.3.2 “Product meets EV Program Requirements for Australia 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

Only U.S. companies that have an approved USDA QSA Program (or USDA PVP) which meet the specified product requirements for Australia will be listed on the [Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs: Australia](#).

## 7. Responsibilities

U.S. companies must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this procedure, QAD 1000 Procedure, and either the QAD 1002 Procedure or the QAD 1001 Procedure.

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