



## USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION (EV) PROGRAM SPECIFIED PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS FOR BEEF - TAIWAN

### 1 Purpose

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

### 2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (harvesters, fabricators, and processors) of beef items that are eligible for export to Taiwan as listed on the FSIS website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Taiwan under the EV Program through an approved USDA QSA Program. The requirements for the 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.

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

### 3 Reference Documents

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

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

### 4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 The beef and beef products must meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Be derived from cattle born and raised in the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia, from cattle legally imported into the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia from a country deemed eligible by Taiwan to export beef or beef products to Taiwan, or from cattle raised in the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia for at least 100 days prior to harvest.

4.1.2 Notwithstanding 4.1.1, beef and beef products derived from cattle from Canada fed less than 100 days in the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia shall be subject to the same import restrictions with respect to product scope as if shipped directly to Taiwan from Canada.



(Current requirements are deboned and boneless beef from animals under the age of 30 months.)

- 4.2 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement “Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Taiwan” 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 Taiwan are listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to Export for Taiwan*.

## 6 Responsibilities

U.S. suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs, General Policies and Procedures*, and QAD 1002 Procedure; *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.

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