USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION (EV) PROGRAM:
SPECIFIED PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS FOR BOVINE:
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

1 Purpose

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

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. companies (harvesters, fabricators, and processors) of beef and beef products that are eligible for export to Korea as listed on the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website.

Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Korea by either an approved Declaration of Conforming Product or an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA)/EV Program for Korea.

The requirements for the USDA QSA Program are defined in QAD 1002 Procedure: USDA Quality System Assessment Program. The USDA 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 Declaration of Conforming Product or an approved USDA QSA Program for the EV Program for Korea may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Korea.

3 Reference Documents

QAD 1000 Procedure: Quality Systems Verification Programs, General Policies and Procedures
QAD 1002 Procedure: USDA Quality System Assessment Program
Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs: Korea

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 Eligible beef and beef products, 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; or legally imported from Canada and resided in the U.S. for at least 100 days prior to harvest.
4.2 Harvest companies must maintain the record of self-certification (affidavit) from the previous location that cattle legally imported from Canada resided in the U.S. for at least 100 days prior to harvest. (Note: A company may utilize a blanket 100-day affidavit that covers all cattle arriving at the establishment.)

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

5 Declaration of Conforming Product

5.1 Companies that produce only conforming products must complete and submit a Declaration of Conforming Product.

5.1.1 Companies must notify the Quality Assessment Division (QAD) in writing and in advance of the cancellation of the Declaration.

5.1.2 Companies must notify the QAD immediately when a change occurs in the establishment's status or management representative.

5.2 Companies that produce conforming and non-conforming products must meet the specified products requirements of the EV Program for Korea through a USDA QSA Program.

6 Products List

Companies must maintain a products list that is approved by the QAD.

7 Listing of Approved Programs

Only companies approved to produce product for export to Korea will be listed on the Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs: Korea.

7.1 Companies with an approved Declaration of Conforming Product will be listed as "DOCP" on the Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs: Korea.

7.2 Companies that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for Korea will be listed as "EV Program" on the Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs: Korea.
8 Responsibilities

Companies requiring an EV Program must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this procedure, QAD 1000 Procedure, and QAD 1002 Procedure.

Companies identified as "DOCP" must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this procedure and QAD 1000 Procedure.

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