



USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION (EV) PROGRAM SPECIFIED PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS FOR BOVINE – SAUDI ARABIA

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. bovine meat (beef and veal) to Saudi Arabia under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program. It also provides the additional requirements for the USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for marketing U.S. beef to Saudi Arabia.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. companies (producers, backgrounders, farmer/feeders, feedlots, slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) that supply cattle, beef and beef products that are eligible for export to Saudi Arabia as listed on the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Saudi Arabia under the EV Program through an approved USDA QSA Program. The requirements for the USDA QSA Program are defined in QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) 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 USDA QSA Program for the EV Program for Saudi Arabia may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Saudi Arabia under the EV Program.

As an alternative to the requirements outlined in this document, companies may apply the requirements of the USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) to meet the specified product requirements for Saudi Arabia. The requirements of the USDA PVP are defined in QAD 1001 Procedure: *USDA Process Verified Program*.

3 Reference Documents

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

QAD 1001 Procedure: *USDA Process Verified Program*

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

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

[Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the Bovine EV Programs](#)

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 Beef and beef products were derived from cattle less than 30 months of age.



- 4.2 Beef and beef products were derived from cattle born and reared in the United States or from cattle that have been legally imported into the United States from countries not banned by Saudi Arabia.
- 4.3 Beef and beef products have been derived from cattle (including those that are grass-fed as well as those routed through feedlots) that have not been fed with prohibited animal protein post-weaning. Milk replacer fed post-weaning and fishmeal are not considered prohibited animal proteins.
- 4.4 If beef tallow is used as a feed ingredient, it must be sourced from a rendering facility subject to federal inspection that sources raw material from beef-only slaughter establishments that are subject to U.S. federal inspection requirements.

5 Company's Suppliers Listing

The company must maintain an approved suppliers listing which must:

- a) Identify the supplier's name, address, and approval date; and
- b) Be available to the USDA for review.

The company must also maintain the date that suppliers were removed from the suppliers listing.

6 Shipping Documentation

6.1 For Cattle:

- 6.1.1 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, letters of guarantee, or electronic transmissions) must accompany each shipment of animals and/or product that occurs due to sale or transfer of custody.
- 6.1.2 Shipping documentation must include a statement identify the animals and/or product as meeting the requirements of the EV Program Requirements for Saudi Arabia. In addition, it must clearly identify the animals and/or product and the quantity.

For Example: "Animals meet the requirements of the EV Program Requirements for Saudi Arabia".

6.2 For Beef and Beef Products:

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:



6.2.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

6.2.2 Contain one of the following applicable statements:

6.2.1.1 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Saudi Arabia" - This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export.

6.2.1.2 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Saudi Arabia 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.

7 Listing of Approved Programs

Only U.S. companies that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for Saudi Arabia will be listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the USDA Bovine EV Program*.

8 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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