



## USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION (EV) PROGRAM: NATURAL CASINGS FOR CANADA

### 1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. natural casings under the USDA Natural Casings for Canada Export Verification (EV) Program. This Program facilitates the international trade of U.S. natural casings derived from bovine, ovine, and porcine intestines for Canada, which requires these products to be processed in the U.S..

### 2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. processors of natural casings that are regulated by and in good standing with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as well as voluntary service with USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS).

### 3 References

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

[USDA AMS: Auditing and Accreditation website](#)

[USDA FSIS: Exporting Products website](#)

### 4 Responsibilities

U.S. suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this procedure and QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs General Policies and Procedures*. Upon application to the program, suppliers will undergo an initial onsite audit for approval followed by two six-month surveillance audits. Subsequent audits will be conducted on an annual basis.

### 5 Listing of Approved Programs

Only U.S. suppliers that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for this program will be listed on the [Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Natural Casings for Canada EV Program](#).

### 6 Specified Product Requirements

Natural casings must meet the following requirements:

- 6.1 Casings must be processed (brining, salting, etc.) in the U.S. prior to export.



- 6.2 Companies must maintain and follow written procedures for the identification, segregation, and traceability of eligible product. Records must be maintained for two years and available for review by AMS auditors.

## 7 Shipping Documentation

- 7.1 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:
- 7.1.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and
  - 7.1.2 Contain the statement "Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Natural Casings to Canada."

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