



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

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. beef to Russia 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 Russia as listed on the FSIS website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Russia 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 Russia may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Russia 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*

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

[USDA, AMS: Bovine, Ovine and Caprine Export Verification Programs website](#)

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 The beef must meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Be derived from cattle less than 30 months of age.

4.1.2 Be derived from cattle that are raised and harvested in the US.

4.1.3 Harvest, dressing, and processing procedures must ensure the hygienic removal of the brain, skull, eyes, spinal cord, and vertebral column (including the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wing of the sacrum) to prevent the contamination of these tissues with beef products being produced for export to Russia.



- 4.2 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:

- 4.2.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

- 4.2.2 Contain one of the following applicable statements:

- 4.2.2.1 "Product meets EV Program requirements for Russia" - This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export.
- 4.2.2.2 "Product meets EV Program requirements for Russia, 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.

5 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. companies who generate products that meet the specified product requirements for Russia are listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to Export for Russia*.

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*.

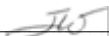
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