



USDA Export Verification (EV) Program Specified Product Requirements for Bovine – Ecuador

1 Purpose

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

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (harvesters, fabricators, and processors) of beef and beef products that are eligible for export to Ecuador as listed on the FSIS Export website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Ecuador under the EV Program through an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (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 Ecuador may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Ecuador 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*

Export Verification Programs Additional Requirements

[USDA, FSIS: Exporting Products website](#)

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

4 Specified Product Requirements

Bovine meat and meat products must meet the following requirement.

- 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 60 days prior to harvest.

5 Shipping Documentation

- 5.1 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:

- 5.1.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and



5.1.2 Contain one of the following applicable statements:

5.1.2.1 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Ecuador" - This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export.

5.1.2.2 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Ecuador 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.

6 Listing of Approved Programs

Only U.S. suppliers who have an approved USDA QSA Program that meets the specified product requirements for Ecuador are listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the Bovine Export Verification (EV) Program*. Suppliers are listed only for the countries for which they are approved.

7 Responsibilities

U.S. suppliers must meet all applicable 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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