



USDA Less than 30 Months (LT30) Age-Verification Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program – Korea

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. beef and beef products under the USDA Less than 30 Months (LT30) Age Verification Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program. This Program facilitates the international trade of U.S. beef and beef products to customers who request products be derived from animals less than 30 months of age at the time of harvest.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (harvesters, fabricators, processors, and further processors) of beef and beef products offered for sale to customers who request products from animals less than 30 months of age at the time of harvest. The specified product requirements of the QSA Program must be supported by a documented quality management system, the requirements of which are defined in QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.

Only suppliers with an approved QSA Program may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements of the 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, AMS: QSA LT30 Age Verification website](#)

4 Declaration of Conformance for Korea

- 4.1 Companies seeking approval to export products to Korea must complete and submit a *Declaration of Conformance* (QAD 1035B Form) to the Quality Assessment Division (QAD).
- 4.2 Approved companies that use outside cold storage(s) to export products to Korea must complete a *List of Designated Cold Storages* (QAD 1030M-3 List).

5 Specified Product Requirements

- 5.1 Beef and beef products must meet the following requirements:
 - 5.1.1 Must be derived exclusively from animals less than 30 months of age as identified at the time of harvest.
 - 5.1.2 Must be identified and controlled up until the time of shipment to customer.



5.2 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:

5.2.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

5.2.2 Contain the following applicable statement:

“Product meets the QSA LT 30 Program requirements for Korea.”

5.3 At the time of export, the FSIS 9060-5 Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness must include the following statement in the Remarks section:

“The beef or beef products were produced at a verified establishment under the USDA Less than 30 Month Age-Verification Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Korea.”

6 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. suppliers who generate products that meet the specified product requirements for the QSA LT 30 Program are listed on the [Official Listing of Approved Suppliers for the USDA QSA Program for Korea.](#)

7 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*, QAD 1002 Procedure: *USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*, and QAD 1030 Add. Procedure: *Export Verification (EV) Programs Additional Requirements*.

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