



## **USDA Export Verification (EV) Program Specified Product Requirements for Bovine Less Than 30 (LT30) Months of Age**

### **1 Purpose**

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. bovine meat and meat products under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program, Less Than 30 (LT30) Months of Age. This Program facilitates the international trade of U.S. bovine meat and meat products for those countries that require products be derived from animals under 30 months of age.

### **2 Scope**

This Program applies U.S. suppliers (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of bovine meat and meat products offered for export to countries that require product be derived from animals under 30 months of age. Suppliers must meet the specified product requirements of this EV Program through an approved USDA QSA Program. The requirements for the QSA Program are defined in *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*. The QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system.

### **3 Reference Documents**

*ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*

*ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*

*Export Verification Programs Additional Requirements*

FSIS Export website: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_&Policies/export\\_information/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/export_information/index.asp)

EV Official Listing: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevlisting.htm>

### **4 Specified Product Requirements**

Bovine meat and meat products must meet the following requirement.

- 4.1 Be derived from animals less than 30 months of age.

### **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, LT30 or the specified country" - This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export.
    - 5.1.2.2 "Product meets EV Program requirements, LT30 or the specified country, excluding final fabrication requirements" - This statement is used for items

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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 less than 30 months of age 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, *ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*, and *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.