

# **USDA Export Verification (EV) Program: Specified Product Requirements for Bovine - Singapore**

## 1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. bovine meat (beef and veal) to Singapore under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

#### 2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. companies (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of bovine meat items that are eligible for export to Singapore as listed on the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Singapore under the EV Program through an approved USDA QSA Program. The requirements for the USDA QSA Program are defined in GVD 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program. The USDA QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system; and that product is identified and traceable through the system.

Only companies with an approved USDA QSA Program for the EV Program for Singapore may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Singapore under the EV Program.

#### **3** Reference Documents

GVD 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Programs General Policies and Procedures GVD 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program <a href="http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations">http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations</a> & Policies/Index of Import Requirements by Country/index.asp <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRD3105269">http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRD3105269</a>

### **4** Specified Product Requirements

- 4.1 Beef and beef products derived from cattle of all ages that are born, raised and slaughtered in the U.S., and feeder cattle that are born in Canada or Mexico and raised and slaughtered in the US are eligible.
- 4.2 Boneless beef and boneless beef products derived from Canadian cattle less than 30 months of age imported for direct slaughter are eligible.
- 4.3 Veal and veal products derived from Canadian veal under 12 months of age imported for direct slaughter are eligible.
- 4.4 Beef and beef products derived from Mexican cattle imported for direct slaughter are ineligible.

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## **Shipping Documentation**

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 Singapore" This statement is used for finished items that are eligible for export.
  - 5.1.2.2 "Product meets EV Program Requirements for Singapore 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. companies that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for Singapore will be listed on the Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the USDA Bovine EV Program for Singapore.

#### 7 Responsibilities

U.S. companies must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, GVD 1000 Procedure, and GVD1002 Procedure.

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