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Export Requirements for Qatar

Eligible/Ineligible Products

A. Eligible

1. FrozenFresh/frozen red meat and meat products, except beef, beef products and pork.
2. Poultry and poultry meat products. (See restriction in B.)*

B. Ineligible

1. Beef and beef products
2. Pork and pork products
3. Fresh/chilled/frozen poultry and poultry product that is not cooked from the States of Delaware and Texas.*

Labeling Requirements

Fresh/frozen meat and poultry. In addition to the labeling features mandatory in the United States, packaged meat and poultry must bear the following features:

1. Production (slaughter) and expiration dates. Date format requirements for Qatar must conform to the following: Day/Month/Year for products with a shelf life of six (6) months or less and Month/Year for products with a shelf life of more than six (6) months. Dating should be in numeric format and bilingual (English/Arabic).
2. Arabic stickers are allowed.
3. A statement that the product has been slaughtered according to Islamic principles is required.
4. Metric Net Weight - Presently, Qatar has a tolerance of 10 percent variation in the labeled net weight.

Documentation Requirements

A. Certification Requirements

1. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5 - Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness. All FSIS Form 9060-5 certificates must be dated and have the signature and title of an FSIS veterinarian.
2. Ritual Slaughter - Islamic Slaughter Certification. A certificate of Islamic (Halal) Slaughter is required. Exporters may obtain a Certificate of Islamic¹ Slaughter from a member of an Islamic Center or Islamic organization. A certificate of Islamic Slaughter is a certificate issued by a member of a Moslem organization recognized by the importing country to provide this service; the certificate states that animals were slaughtered according to Moslem religious requirements. This certificate must accompany products labeled "Halal". The certificate must be endorsed by the Arabian-American Chamber of Commerce¹ and by the Qatar Consul and must accompany all shipments. The telephone numbers of the Arabian-American Chambers of Commerce are listed below.
3. Additional Certification.
 - a. Fresh/frozen unprocessed products bearing Halal label claims must be accompanied by an appropriate Halal certificate or a written assurance from the exporter that an appropriate Halal certificate will be supplied to accompany that shipment before it reaches its destination.
 - b. For processed products with Halal label claims, raw materials used in processed products with Halal label claims must be accompanied by an appropriate Halal certificate.

Handling/Storage Requirements

- A. Special Handling - Qatar requires that instructions for consumers concerning storage, preparation and other special handling requirements accompany shipments.
- B. Packaging - Vacuum packaging is not required.

Other Requirements

- A. Product Arrival and shelf life - Meat and poultry products must arrive within four (4) months of slaughter date.
- B. Qatar Laboratory Sampling. Random samples are routinely collected from meat and poultry products entering Qatar. Product is examined for:
 1. Pesticides.
 2. Salmonellae and other pathogenic bacteria.
 3. Total bacteria counts.
 4. Heavy metals.
 5. Species identification tests for pork tissue, including lard, in formulated product.
- C. Shelf life for frozen beef and poultry products is twelve (12) months; for minced meats it is nine (9) months; for fresh beef it is 21 days; and for fresh mutton it is 14 days.

Plants Eligible to Export LANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

All Federally inspected establishments are eligible for export to Qatar.

Arabian-American Chambers of Commerce

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