



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Food Safety  
and Inspection  
Service

Washington, D.C.  
20250

**Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Fresh/Frozen Boneless Beef and Beef Tongues,  
Kidneys, Livers and Hearts to Costa Rica**

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The United States complies with the conditions stated in Article 2.3.13.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code as a country with controlled BSE risk.
2. The beef meat and meat products (mentioned in the scope) were produced and handled in a manner which ensures that such products do not contain and are not contaminated with the following specified risk materials (SRM's) for BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy): the brain, skull, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum) and dorsal root ganglia of cattle 30 months of age and older; and the tonsils and distal ileum of the small intestine of cattle regardless of age.
3. The beef meat and meat products were subject to testing for chemical residues in accordance with the USA National Residue Program sampling plans.
4. The product (beef, livers, tongues, hearts and kidneys) was inspected and passed and found fit for human consumption.
5. The beef meat and beef products were produced under mandatory HACCP regulations that require testing for Salmonella and Escherichia coli and were found to be in full compliance.

Signature of Official Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Professional Degree: \_\_\_\_\_