# ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF FRESH MEAT INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, EXCLUDING MECHANICALLY SEPARATED MEAT, OF DOMESTIC BOVINE ANIMALS (BOV)

**COUNTRY:** United States

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II. Health information

II.1. Public health attestation


II.1.1. the [meat] [minced meat]\(^{1}\) comes from (an) establishment(s) applying general hygiene requirements and implementing a programme based on the hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) principles in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004, regularly audited by the competent authorities, and being listed as an EU approved establishment;

II.1.2. the meat has been obtained in compliance with Section I of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;

II.1.3. [the minced meat has been produced in compliance with Section V of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and frozen to an internal temperature of not more than -18 °C;]

II.1.4. the meat has been found fit for human consumption following ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections carried out in accordance with Articles 8 to 19, 24, 29, 30, 33 to 35, 37 and 38 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 and Articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624;

II.1.5. [either the carcase or parts of the carcase have been marked with a health mark in accordance with Article 48 of and Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627;]

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II.1.6. the [meat] [minced meat] \(^{(1)}\) satisfies the relevant criteria laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005\(^{\text{E}}\);

II.1.7. the guarantees covering live animals and products thereof provided by the residue plans submitted in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC\(^{\text{F}}\), are fulfilled and the concerned animals and products are listed in Commission Decision 2011/163/EU\(^{\text{G}}\) for the concerned country of origin;

II.1.8. the [meat] [minced meat] \(^{(1)}\) has been produced under conditions guaranteeing compliance with the maximum residue levels for pesticides laid down in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council\(^{\text{H}}\), and the maximum levels for contaminants laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006\(^{\text{I}}\);

II.1.9. the [meat] [minced meat] \(^{(1)}\) has been stored and transported in accordance with the relevant requirements of Sections I and V respectively of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;

II.1.10. with regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE):

1) either the country or region of origin is classified in accordance with Commission Decision 2007/453/EC\(^{\text{J}}\) as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk, and

2) either the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk;

3) either the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived originate from a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a controlled BSE risk, and:

4) either the meat or minced meat does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.

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\(^{(1)}\) or [the packages of [meat] [minced meat] \(^{(1)}\) have been marked with an identification mark in accordance with Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.]

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J Commission Decision 2007/453/EC of 29 June 2007 establishing the BSE status of Member States or third countries or regions thereof according to their BSE risk (OJ L 172, 30.6.2007, p. 84).
(i) the carcases, half carcases or half carcases cut into no more than three wholesale cuts, and quarters contain no specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 other than the vertebral column, including dorsal root ganglia, and the carcases or wholesale cuts of carcases of animals aged over 30 months and containing vertebral column are identified by a clearly visible red stripe on the label referred to in Article 13 or 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the CouncilK;

(ii) the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived were not slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;

(i) or (ii) the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived originate from a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing an undetermined BSE risk and:

(i) either (i) the meat or minced meat does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;

(i) or (ii) the carcases, half carcases or half carcases cut into no more than three wholesale cuts, and quarters contain no specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 other than the vertebral column, including dorsal root ganglia, and the carcases or wholesale cuts of carcases of animals aged over 30 months and containing vertebral column are identified by a clearly visible red stripe on the label referred to in Article 13 or 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 (3);

(ii) the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived have not been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;

(iii) the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived have not been fed with meat-and-bone meal or greaves, as defined in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal HealthL;

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L https://www.oie.int/en/standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/
(i) the meat or minced meat was produced and handled in a manner which ensures that they do not contain and were not contaminated with nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process;

(4) or [the country or region of origin is classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a controlled BSE risk, and

(a) the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived have not been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;

(1) either (b) the meat or minced meat does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;

(1) or [(b) the carcases, half carcases or half carcases cut into no more than three wholesale cuts, and quarters contain no specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 other than the vertebral column, including dorsal root ganglia, and the carcases or wholesale cuts of carcases of animals aged over 30 months and containing vertebral column are identified by a clearly visible red stripe on the label referred to in Article 13 or 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 (1);]

(4) or [the country or region of origin has not been classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC or is classified as a country or region with an undetermined BSE risk, and

(a) the animals from which the meat or minced meat is derived have not been:

(i) slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;

(ii) fed meat-and-bone meal or greaves derived from ruminants, as defined in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health;

(1) either (b) the meat or minced meat does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;]
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c) the meat or minced meat does not contain and is not derived from nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process.


II.2. Animal health attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the fresh meat described in Part I:

II.2.1. has been obtained in the zone/s with code/s .................................. which, at the date of issue of this certificate is/are authorised for entry into the Union of fresh meat of bovine animals and listed in Part I of Annex XIII to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 and:

(a) in which infection with rinderpest virus has not been reported for a period of 12 months before the date of slaughter of the animals from which the fresh meat was obtained, and during the same period vaccination against this disease has not been carried out; and

(b) in which foot and mouth disease has not been reported for a period of 12 months before the date of slaughter of the animals from which the fresh meat was obtained, and during the same period vaccination against this disease has not been carried out; and

(c) in which foot and mouth disease has not been reported since / / (dd/mm/yyyy).


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II.2.2. has been obtained from animals that:

(1) either [have remained in the zone/s referred to under point II.2.1. since birth, or for at least 3 months before slaughter.]

(1) or [have been introduced on / / (dd/mm/yyyy) into the zone referred to under point II.2.1., from the zone with code — (5) that at that date was authorised for the entry of fresh meat of bovine animals into the Union and where they have remained since birth, or for at least 3 months before slaughter.]

(1) or [have been introduced on / / (dd/mm/yyyy) into the zone referred to under point II.2.1., from the Member State with ISO code .]

II.2.3. has been obtained from animals coming from establishments:

(a) registered by and under the control of the competent authority of the third country or territory and have a system in place to maintain and to keep records in accordance with Article 8 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692O;

(b) which receive regular animal health visits from a veterinarian for the purpose of the detection of, and information on, signs indicative of the occurrence of diseases, including the relevant listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 and emerging diseases;

(c) which were not subject to national restriction measures for animal health reasons, including the relevant listed diseases referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 and emerging diseases, at the time of dispatch to the slaughterhouse;

(d) in which none of the animals kept therein have been vaccinated against [foot and mouth disease and] infection with rinderpest virus;

(1) either [(e) in and around which, within an area of 10 km radius, including where appropriate the territory of a neighbouring country, foot and mouth disease and infection with rinderpest virus has not been reported during the 30-day period before the date of slaughter.]

(1) or [(e) in and around which, in an area of 25 km radius, including where appropriate the territory of a neighbouring country, foot and mouth disease and infection with rinderpest virus have not been reported during the 60-day period before the date of slaughter.]

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(1) (9) or [(e) in and around which, within an area of 10 km radius, including where appropriate the territory of a neighbouring country, foot and mouth disease and infection with rinderpest virus has not been reported during the 12 month period before the date of slaughter;]

(1) (7) either

[(f) in which the animals have remained for a period of at least 40 days before being directly dispatched to a slaughterhouse;]

(1) (7) (11) or

[(f) in which the animals have remained for a period of at least 40 days before passing through one single assembly centre approved by the competent authority in accordance with Article 20(2), point (b), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 without coming into contact with animals of a lower health status before being dispatched directly to a slaughterhouse;]

(1) (12) (g) in which:

(i) no animals have been introduced during the last 3 months from zones not authorised to enter fresh meat of bovine animals into the Union;

(ii) animals are identified and registered in the national System of Identification and Certification of Origin for bovine animals;

(b) listed as approved establishments, following the favourable outcome of an inspection carried out by the competent authority of the third country or territory that was reflected in an official report in IMSOC, and inspected regularly by the competent authority to ensure that the relevant requirements provided for in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 are complied with.

II.2.4. has been obtained from animals which:

(a) have been dispatched from their establishment of origin to a slaughterhouse in means of transport: (i) constructed in such a way that the animals cannot escape or fall out; (ii) in which visual inspection of the space where animals are kept is possible; (iii) from which the escape of animal excrements, litter or feed is prevented or minimised, and (iv) which was cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant authorised by the competent authority of the third country or territory immediately before the transportation of the animals without contact with other animals which did not comply with the conditions referred to in point II.2.1., II.2.2. and II.2.3.;

(b) during the transport to the slaughterhouse the animals did not pass through a third country or territory or zone thereof which is not listed for the entry into the Union of fresh meat of bovine animals and they have not come into contact with animals of a lower health status;

(c) have been slaughtered [(on / / (dd/mm/yyyy)]3[(between / / (dd/mm/yyyy) and / / (dd/mm/yyyy))]3;

(d) had no contact with animals of a lower health status during their slaughter;

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II.2.5. has been obtained in a slaughterhouse in and around which, within a radius of 10 km, including where appropriate the territory of a neighbouring country, none of the diseases referred to in point II.2.1. has been reported during the 30-day period before the date of slaughtering of the animals.

II.2.6. has been strictly segregated from fresh meat not complying with the animal health requirements for the entry into the Union of fresh meat of bovine animals throughout the operations of slaughter, cutting and until:

(1) either [it was packaged for further storage.]
(1) or [its loading, as unpackaged fresh meat, to the means of transport for dispatch to the Union.]

II.2.7. is de-boned fresh meat, other than offal, obtained from carcases:

(1) in which the main accessible lymph nodes have been removed;
(1) which have been submitted to maturation at a temperature above +2°C for at least 24 hours before the bones were removed; and
(1) in which the pH value of the meat was below 6.0 when tested electronically in the middle of the longissimus-dorsi muscle after maturation and before de-boning.

II.3. Animal welfare attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the meat described in Part I derives from animals which have been treated in the slaughterhouse in accordance with the requirements of the Union legislation on the protection of animals at the time of killing or at least equivalent requirements.

Notes

In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, references to European Union in this certificate include the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.

This certificate is intended for entry into the Union of fresh meat and minced meat (as defined in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004) of domestic bovine animals (as defined in Article 2, point (5), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692).

The exclusion of mechanically separated meat is expressly mentioned in the title to avoid any confusion as this product cannot be imported using this fresh meat certificate.

This animal health/official certificate shall be completed according to the notes for the completion of certificates provided for in Chapter 4 of Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235.

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- **Nature of commodity**: Indicate “carcase-whole”, “carcase-side”, “carcase-quarters” or “cuts”.  
- **Treatment type**: If appropriate, indicate “de-boned”, “bone in” and/or “matured”. If frozen, indicate the date of freezing (mm/yy) of the cuts/pieces. |

**Part II:**

1. Keep as appropriate.
3. The number of bovine carcases or wholesale cuts of carcases, from which removal of the vertebral column is required shall be added to the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) referred to in Article 56 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.
4. Delete if the consignment is not intended for entry into Finland or Sweden.
7. For zones with the entry related to specific conditions ‘Maturation, pH and de-boning’ in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.
8. For zones with the entry related to specific conditions ‘Controlled vaccination programme’ in addition to the entry ‘Maturation, pH and de-boning’ in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.
9. For zones with the entry related to specific conditions ‘No vaccination carried out’ in addition to the entry ‘Maturation, pH and de-boning’ in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

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Delete in the case of zones with the entry related to specific conditions ‘Maturation, pH and de-boning’ in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, where a vaccination programme against foot and mouth disease with serotypes A, O or C is carried out.


For zones with the entry related to specific conditions ‘Additional traceability’ in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

Date or dates of slaughter. This meat shall only be permitted to enter into the Union if the meat was obtained from animals slaughtered after the date of authorisation of the zone/s referred to under point II.2.1. for entry into the Union of fresh meat of bovine animals, or during a period where animal health restriction measures taken by the Union were not in place against the entry of this meat from this/these zone/s, or during a period where the authorisation of this/these zone/s for entry into the Union of this meat was not suspended.

For zones with the entry related to specific conditions ‘Maturation and de-boning’ in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404. The matured de-boned meat shall only be permitted to enter into the Union 21 days after the date of slaughter of the animals.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters)

Date

Qualification and title

Stamp

Signature

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