

## Status Chart for Active Equivalence Requests

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This chart lists active equivalence requests received by FSIS regarding eligibility to export meat, poultry, or egg products to the United States. If FSIS has not received correspondence from a country regarding an equivalence request for one year, FSIS considers that request to be inactive. The request will be reactivated and listed on the chart when FSIS receives correspondence or information from the Central Competent Authority (CCA) about the request.

*[Asterisks (\*) indicate where the most recent update was made for an equivalence request]*

Countries	Product(s)	Type of Equivalence Request [i]	Status of Equivalence Request [ii]
Argentina*	Processed Beef Products*	Reinstatement	Step 1 – With FSIS
	Raw Lamb and Mutton Products	Reinstatement	Step 2 – With FSIS
Belarus	Raw and Processed Beef and Veal Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Raw and Processed Chicken Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Brazil	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Raw Siluriformes Products	Initial	Step 2 – With FSIS
Colombia	Raw Beef Products	Initial	Step 4 – With FSIS
	Raw Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Costa Rica*	Raw Beef Products	Expansion	Step 3A – With CCA
Croatia	Processed Pork Products	Expansion	Step 3A – With CCA
France	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Germany	Raw Pork Products	Reinstatement	Step 3A – With CCA
Greece	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Lamb, Mutton, Goat, and Pork Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Guatemala	Raw and Processed Beef Products	Reinstatement	Step 3B – With FSIS
Guyana*	Raw Siluriformes Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Ireland*	Processed Beef and Pork Products	Reinstatement	Step 3B – With FSIS
Italy	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Beef Products	Reinstatement	Step 3A – With CCA
Korea	Egg Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Processed Pork Products	Initial	Step 4 – With FSIS
	Siluriformes Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Lithuania	Processed Poultry Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Raw Beef and Veal Products	Expansion	Step 3A – With CCA
Mexico	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Processed Pork Products	Expansion	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Morocco	Processed Chicken and Turkey Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Namibia	Raw Lamb, Mutton, and Goat Products	Expansion	Step 2 – With FSIS
Netherlands	Cell-Cultured Meat Food Products	Expansion	Step 1 – With CCA
	Processed Veal Products	Expansion	Step 3A – With CCA
Nicaragua	Raw Beef (Cheek Meat) Products	Expansion	Step 3A – With CCA
Nigeria	Raw and Processed Siluriformes Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS

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Oman	Raw Beef, Veal, Lamb, Mutton and Goat Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Pakistan	Processed Beef Products	Initial	Step 2 – With FSIS
Panama	Raw and Processed Beef and Veal Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
People's Republic of China	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Portugal	Raw and Processed Beef and Pork Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Raw and Processed Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Singapore	Cell-Cultured Meat and Poultry Food Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Processed Meat and Poultry Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Slovenia	Raw and Processed Chicken Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Spain	Cell-Cultured Meat Food Products	Expansion	Step 1 – With CCA
	Cell-Cultured Poultry Food Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Suriname	Raw Siluriformes Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Taiwan	Processed Pork Products	Reinstatement	Step 4 – With FSIS
Ukraine	Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Beef and Pork Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA

**[i] Initial Equivalence:** When a country's CCA requests to begin the export of meat, poultry or egg products to the United States and FSIS has not previously determined that inspection system to be equivalent. FSIS evaluates the country's inspection system through document reviews and onsite audits. When FSIS determines that a country's inspection system meets U.S. requirements, FSIS publishes its proposal to find a country equivalent through a notice with a request for comments in the *Federal Register*. Equivalence becomes effective after FSIS considers public comments and then publishes a final notice in the *Federal Register* responding to comments and announcing a final decision concerning equivalence. Note that if a country is equivalent under one inspection system (e.g., meat), and requests new eligibility to export product in a different inspection system (e.g., poultry), FSIS would consider the request for new eligibility an initial equivalence request.

**Reinstatement of Equivalence:** A country's CCA requests to resume exporting to the United States a particular meat, poultry or egg product that was previously listed as eligible on the FSIS website but has not been exported from that country for an extended period of time. FSIS conducts a technical document review, and in some cases, FSIS might require an onsite audit. FSIS does not publish a *Federal Register* notice for reinstatements of equivalence.

**Expansion of Equivalence:** A country's CCA requests to export to the United States products from a new species in a currently equivalent raw inspection system or a new processing category in an equivalent processed products inspection system. FSIS conducts a technical document review, and in some cases, FSIS might require an onsite audit. FSIS does not publish a *Federal Register* notice for expansions of equivalence.

**NOTE:** When a final equivalence determination (i.e., initial, reinstatement, or expansion) is made, the country is removed from this list and their product eligibility is posted in the [Import & Export Library](#) on FSIS' website.

**[ii] Status of Equivalence Steps:**

1. The CCA submitted a formal written request to FSIS, identifying the species and products the country intends to export. The CCA is preparing responses to relevant questions in the Self-Reporting Tool (SRT) with supporting documentation.
2. The CCA submitted responses to the SRT with supporting documentation and FSIS is conducting a technical

review of the provided information.

**3A.** FSIS sent a request to the country to provide additional information for the SRT.

**3B.** FSIS received additional information from the country and is conducting a technical review of the provided information.

**NOTE:** The status may cycle between 3A and 3B during the period when FSIS is reviewing the SRT and supporting documentation associated with an equivalence request and the country is responding to FSIS' additional requests for information.

**4.** FSIS completed the technical review of the country's SRT responses and supporting documentation and is planning an onsite verification audit as needed.

**NOTE:** In some cases, FSIS might not conduct an onsite audit for reinstatement or expansion of equivalence.

**5.** FSIS completed the onsite verification audit, if needed.

**6.** FSIS published the initial equivalence determination through a *Federal Register* notice with requests for public comment.

**NOTE:** FSIS does not publish a *Federal Register* notice for reinstatement or expansion of equivalence.