

Status Chart for Pending Equivalence Determinations
Updated as of August 31, 2020

Countries	Product(s)	Initial or Reinstatement [i]	Status of Initial or Reinstatement Equivalence [ii]
Argentina	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw Lamb and Mutton	Reinstatement	Step 1 – With CCA ¹
Bangladesh	Raw Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Bulgaria	Raw Beef	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Botswana	Raw Beef	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Colombia	Raw Beef, Veal	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Denmark	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Dominican Republic	Raw and Processed Beef	Reinstatement	Step 4 – With FSIS
	Raw Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
El Salvador	Raw and Processed Poultry	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Raw and Processed Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Estonia	Raw and Processed Beef, Veal and Pork	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
France	Raw and Processed Poultry	Reinstatement	Step 1 – With CCA
Gambia	Raw and Processed Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Germany	Raw Beef	Reinstatement	Step 3A – With CCA
	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Greece	Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Goat and Pork	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Poultry Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Guatemala	Raw and Processed Beef	Reinstatement	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw Poultry	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Guyana	Raw and Processed Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Honduras	Processed Pork	Reinstatement	Step 1 – With CCA
Hungary	Raw and Processed Poultry	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
India	Raw and Processed Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Ireland	Processed Beef and Pork	Reinstatement	Step 1 – With CCA
Italy	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS

¹ The CCA is the Central Competent Authority for the country that is seeking equivalence.

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Korea	Raw Pork	Initial	Step 2 – With FSIS
Lithuania	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 5 – With FSIS
Macedonia	Raw and Processed Meat	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Mexico	Raw Poultry	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Morocco	Processed Poultry	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Nicaragua	Raw Poultry	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
	Processed Beef	Reinstatement	Step 1 – With CCA
Nigeria	Raw and Processed Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Panama	Raw and Processed Beef, Veal	Initial	Step 1 – With CCA
Paraguay	Raw Beef	Reinstatement	Step 3B – With FSIS
Poland	Raw and Processed Poultry	Initial	Step 6 – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Beef, Veal	Reinstatement	Step 3A – With CCA
	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
Portugal	Raw and Processed Pork, Beef	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
	Raw and Processed Poultry	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Romania	Processed Egg Products	Initial	Step 2 – With FSIS
	Processed Pork	Reinstatement	Step 4 – With FSIS
South Africa	Ratites	Initial	Step 2 – With FSIS
Suriname	Raw and Processed Siluriformes	Initial	Step 3A – With CCA
Taiwan	Processed Pork	Reinstatement	Step 3A – With CCA
Ukraine	Processed Pork	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS
	Raw and Processed Poultry	Initial	Step 3B – With FSIS

[i] Initial Equivalence: When a country's Central Competent Authority (CCA) requests to begin the export of meat, poultry or egg products to the United State (U.S.), FSIS evaluates the country's inspection system by document reviews and on-site 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.

Reinstatement of Equivalence: A country's CCA requests to resume exporting to the U.S. a particular meat, poultry or egg product that is listed as eligible in the CFR 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 on-site audit. FSIS does not publish a *Federal Register* notice for reinstatements of equivalence.

Note: When a final equivalence determination (i.e., initial or reinstatement) is made, the country is removed from this list and their product eligibility is posted in the [Import Library](#) on FSIS's web site.

[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 an SRT technical review.
- 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's additional requests for information.

4. FSIS completed the SRT technical review and is planning an on-site verification audit as needed.
Note: In some cases, FSIS might not conduct an on-site audit for reinstatement of equivalence.
5. FSIS completed the on-site 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 of equivalence.