

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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ELIGIBILITY OF AUSTRALIA TO EXPORT RAW PORK TO THE UNITED STATES

I. PURPOSE

This notice provides instructions to inspection program personnel (IPP) at official import inspection establishments on actions to take when verifying the accuracy of inspection certificates for imported raw pork products from the central competent authority (CCA) of Australia. The inspection certificates provide assurance that these products meet FSIS requirements.

II. BACKGROUND

In March 2011, FSIS issued Federal Register Notice [76 FR 11752](#), which affirmed FSIS's 1999 equivalence determination ([64 FR 30299](#)) that Australia's modernized livestock slaughter inspection system, the Australian Export Meat Inspection System (AEMIS), is equivalent to FSIS's food safety inspection system specifically for raw beef, sheep and goat products. In March 2018, Australia requested that FSIS include in its equivalence determination raw pork products produced under AEMIS. After reviewing Australia's documented raw pork products inspection system and observing the production of raw pork products produced under AEMIS during an August 6-22, 2018 audit by FSIS officials, FSIS expanded its AEMIS equivalence determination to include raw pork products. As a result, Australia is now eligible to export raw pork to the United States from swine slaughtered on and after August 29, 2019.

III. IPP RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. IPP are to follow the instructions in [FSIS Directive 9900.1](#), *Imported Product Shipment Presentation*. When production dates are required by the system, IPP are to enter the slaughter date into the Public Health Information System (PHIS) at the time the application is submitted or when the lot is received.
- B. IPP are to verify that the slaughter dates on the inspection certificate are on or after August 29, 2019. Raw pork products from Australia certified by the CCA as slaughtered prior to August 29, 2019 are not eligible for entry into the U.S.
- C. IPP are to follow the instructions in Section IV. F. of [FSIS Directive 9900.1](#) if the slaughter dates are not present on the certificate or the slaughter date is prior to August 29, 2019.

IV. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice to the Office of Policy and Program Development through [askFSIS](#). When submitting a question, use the **Submit a Question** tab and enter the following information in the fields provided:

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When all fields are complete, press **Continue** and at the next screen press **Finish Submitting Question**.

NOTE: Refer to [FSIS Directive 5620.1](#), *Using askFSIS*, for additional information on submitting questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sabrina J. Wagner".

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