



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Food Safety  
and Inspection  
Service

Washington, D.C.  
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**Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Boneless Beef and Boneless Beef Products  
Produced Before February 17, 2015**

**Date Issued** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate Number** \_\_\_\_\_

1. The United States meets or exceeds the BSE guidance of the OIE pertaining to meat and meat products.
2. The United States has prohibited the feeding of ruminants with ruminant origin meat and bone meal (MBM) and greaves since 1997, and this prohibition has been effectively enforced.
3. The meat and meat products should be deboned skeletal muscle (boneless beef) from cattle less than 30 months of age, which were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process, and which were subject to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections and were not suspect or confirmed BSE cases.
4. The meat and meat products were not derived from or contaminated with mechanically separated meat (MSM) from the skull or vertebral column, or the following specified risk materials: tissue from the brain, eye, spinal cord, trigeminal ganglia, and dorsal root ganglia from cattle 30 months of age or older, and the tonsils and distal ileum of the small intestine of any cattle, regardless of age.

Signature of FSIS Official: \_\_\_\_\_

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