



**Letterhead Certificate for All Meat, Meat Products, Tallow, Blood Products,
and Natural Casings Derived from Animals of the Sub-family *Bovinae* (cattle,
buffalo, bison), Including Veal**

Date Issued: _____ Certificate Number: _____

This is to certify that the meat products slaughtered in the United States covered by this certificate:

- were derived from animals which were not subjected to a stunning process in which a device is used to inject compressed air or gas into the animal's cranial cavity, or to a pithing process involving laceration, after stunning of the animal, of the animal's central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument that is introduced into the animal's cranial cavity and which were subject to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections and were not suspect or confirmed BSE cases, and
- do not contain the following risk material: skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, spinal cord, dorsal root ganglia, vertebral column, excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum, from bovine animals aged 30 months and older, and tonsils from bovine animals of all ages, and the distal ileum of the small intestine from bovine animals of all ages, from the ileo-cecal junction and a minimum of 200 cm (80 inches) of the attached and uncoiled small intestine proximal to the ileo-cecal junction; the removal of the distal ileum was done under an FSIS verified program, and
- do not contain mechanically separated meat from the skull and vertebral column from bovine animals aged 30 months or older.
- If the product is an edible blood, edible blood fractions (e.g., plasma, clotting factors, cells) or an edible meat products containing blood and/or blood fractions (e.g., sausages, blood pudding), the blood was collected from bovine animals using a closed blood collection method.

AND/OR

- "Beef products covered by this certificate were legally imported from Canada, or from an establishment and country approved for direct export to Canada"

Signature of Official Veterinarian: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Professional Degree: _____