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Food Safety and Inspection Service

Protecting Public Health and Preventing Foodborne Illness



Import Library – Eligible Countries + Products

FSIS Goals for Updating the Import Library

1. Provide transparency on eligible species and HACCP process categories
2. Improve structure and content

Import Library – Eligible Countries + Products

How to Access the Current Eligible Countries + Products Webpage

- To access FSIS's Eligible Countries + Products webpage visit <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>
- Click on **Topics**, then **International Affairs**.

The screenshot shows the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service", and navigation links: "About FSIS", "District Offices", "Careers", "Contact Us", "Ask Karen", "askFSIS", and "En Español". A search bar labeled "Search FSIS" is located in the top right. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with "Home", "Topics", "Programs & Services", "Newsroom", and "Forms". The "Topics" menu is open, listing: "Careers", "Data Collection and Reports", "Fact Sheets", "Food Defense and Emergency Response", "Food Safety Education", "FSIS Employees", "Inspection", "International Affairs" (circled in orange), and "Recalls and Public Health Alerts". To the right of the menu is a video player showing a person in a blue uniform and gloves handling a fish. Further right is a "Popular Topics" section with a list of links: "Inspection Program for Siluriformes Fish", "Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection", "Attend a Public Meeting", "Apply for a Grant of Inspection", "Find Resources for Small Plants", "Export or Import Meat, Poultry or Egg Products", "Report a Problem with Food", and "Meat, Poultry and Egg Product Inspection Directory".

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International Affairs

FSIS insures that meat, poultry, and egg products imported to the United States are produced under standards equivalent to U.S. inspection system, and facilitates the certification of exported goods.

Exporting Products

Learn what requirements are necessary for exporting your products to other countries including packaging, labeling and other special conditions.

Equivalence

Access information concerning FSIS's equivalence process, equivalent countries, and the status of countries' equivalence requests.

Importing Products

Information pertaining to the import of meat, poultry and processed egg products to the U.S.

Import and Export Data

U.S. Codex / Codex Alimentarius

The Codex Alimentarius operates within the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization to establish international food standards that protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in trade.

Short URL for this page: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/internationalaffairs>

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Importing Products

FSIS is responsible for assuring that U.S. imported meat, poultry and processed egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.



Availability of FSIS Guidance for Importing Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Into the United States

- [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0020](#) | [PDF](#)
- Related Document: [Compliance Guide](#)
- Review/Submit Comments via [regulations.gov](#)

Import Checklist

Overview of the basic steps you need to follow to import meat, poultry and egg products to the U.S.

Eligible Countries & Products, Foreign Audit Reports, and Eligible Foreign Establishments

Access list of eligible countries and the types of products eligible for import from each, certified and decertified establishments, and reports of audits of foreign countries.

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Eligible Countries, Products, Foreign Establishments

Foreign Audit Reports

Comprehensive audits of foreign country inspection systems.

Eligible Foreign Establishments

Complete listing of foreign establishments certified to export meat, poultry or egg products to the United States.

Eligible Countries / Products

Listing of eligible countries and the types of products eligible to export meat, poultry or egg products to the U.S. from each country.

Last Modified Mar 24, 2015

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Countries/Products Eligible for Export to the United States

Updated as of January 31, 2018

33 Countries are Currently Eligible for U.S. Export.

Eligible Countries are Highlighted in Yellow

See footnotes at the bottom of this page

| Country/Product | Beef /Veal | | Lamb /Mutton | | Goat | | Pork | | Poultry /Ratites | | Egg Products | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| | Raw | Proc | Raw | Proc | Raw | Proc | Raw | Proc | Raw | Proc | Proc | |
| 1 | Argentina | X ₄ | X ₂ | | X ₃ | | X ₃ | | X ₃ | | | |
| 2 | Australia | X | X | X | X | X | X | X ₄ | X ₄ | X ₁ | X ₁ | |
| 3 | Austria | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X ₄ | X ₅ | | | |
| 4 | Belgium | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | | X ₄ | | | |
| 5 | Brazil | | X | | X ₄ | | X ₄ | X ₃ | X | | | |
| 6 | Canada | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 7 | Chile | X | X | X | X | X ₄ | X ₄ | X | X | X | X | |
| 8 | China | | | | | | | | | | X ₅ | |
| 9 | Costa Rica | X | X | X ₄ | X ₄ | X ₄ | X ₄ | X ₃ | X | | | |
| 10 | Croatia | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X ₃ | X | | | |
| 11 | Czech Rep | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X ₄ | X ₄ | | | |
| 12 | Denmark | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X | X | | | |
| 13 | England | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X | X | | | |
| 14 | Finland | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X | X | | | |
| 15 | France | X ₇ | | | | | | X | X | X ₄ | X ₄ | |
| 16 | °Great Britain | | | | | | | | | X ₄ | X ₄ | |
| 17 | Germany | X ₂ | X ₂ | | | | | X | X | | | |
| 18 | Honduras | X | X | X | X | X | X | X ₃ | X | | | |
| 19 | Hong Kong | | | | | | | | | X ₄ | X ₄ | |
| 20 | Hungary | | X ₂ | | | | | X | X | | | |
| 21 | Iceland | X ₄ | X ₄ | X | X | X ₄ | X ₄ | X ₄ | X ₄ | | | |
| 22 | Ireland | X | X ₂ | | | | | X | | | | |
| 23 | Israel | | | | | | | | | X ₃ | X | |

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Upcoming Revisions to the FSIS Website

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[Import Library – Eligible Countries and Products](#)

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Access reports of audits of foreign countries.

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Import Library: Eligible Countries and Products

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The Import Library identifies eligible products using the Process Category, Product Category and Eligible Products listed in the [FSIS Product Categorization](#) document, and utilized in the Public Health Information System (PHIS). In addition, the [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS) applicable disease restrictions will be referenced on individual country pages.

- **Process Category:** High-level category based on whether and how products are processed after slaughter.
- **Product Category:** More specific category that links the product to the appropriate species and provides more information on the production process.
- **Eligible Products:** Listing of the most detailed grouping of eligible products – Product Groups – that are used by FSIS to program appropriate types of inspections in FSIS' PHIS. Eligible products are from a country that the United States (U.S.) has already determined to have an equivalent meat, poultry, or egg product inspection systems.

Source materials used to produce finished products for export to the U.S. must come from an approved source. An approved source is meat or poultry carcasses or products or processed egg products from an eligible country and certified establishment.

APHIS Restricted Products: Products that are restricted by APHIS are identified with a "±". To see the APHIS disease status and the applicable species, click on the APHIS web page link at the bottom of the country page.

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- Identify all equivalent countries listed the Code of Federal Regulations in two tables
 - (1) **Eligible Countries** who are recognized as eligible to export to the U.S.
 - (2) **Inactive Countries** who have stopped exporting to the U.S. for an extended period of time
- To view a country-specific eligible page click on a country name in the Eligible Countries table

| Eligible Countries | Type of Product |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Argentina | Meat |
| Australia | Meat, Poultry (Ratites Only) |
| Austria | Meat |
| Brazil | Meat |
| Canada* | Meat, Poultry, Egg Products |

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Example Country Eligibility Page



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Eligible Categories and Products: Canada

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These products are eligible for export from Canada to the United States.

These are the Process Categories, Product Categories, and Product Groups as defined in the Public Health Information System (PHIS).

- RTE = Ready-to-eat; NRTE = Not ready-to-eat
- For raw poultry products, poultry includes the following species: chicken, turkey, duck, geese, guineas, and squab.
- For raw ratite products, ratites includes emu, ostrich, and rhea.
- For processed meat products, meat includes the following species: beef, veal, goat, lamb, mutton, and pork.
- For processed poultry products, poultry includes the following species: chicken, duck, goose, guinea, squab, turkey, emu, ostrich, and rhea.
- Egg products includes the following species: chicken, turkey, duck, goose, and guinea.

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Example Country Eligibility Page

| Process Category | Product Category | Eligible Products |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Raw - Non Intact | Raw Ground, Comminuted, or Otherwise Non-Intact Beef | Beef and Veal - All Products Eligible± except Finely Textured Beef (FTB); Low Temperature Rendered Product (LTRP); Partially Defatted Beef Fatty Tissue (PDBFT); and Partially Defatted chipped Beef (PDCB) |
| Raw - Non Intact | Raw Ground, Comminuted, or otherwise non-intact Poultry | Poultry - All Products Eligible |
| Heat Treated - Shelf Stable | RTE Salt-Cured meat | Meat - All Products Eligible |
| Heat Treated - Shelf Stable | RTE Salt-Cured Poultry | Poultry - All Products Eligible* |
| Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable | RTE Fully-Cooked Meat | Meat - All Products Eligible± |
| Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable | RTE Fully-Cooked Poultry | Poultry - All Products Eligible |
| Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable | RTE Meat Fully-Cooked Without Subsequent Exposure to the Environment | Meat - All Products Eligible± |
| Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable | RTE Poultry Fully-Cooked Without Subsequent Exposure to the Environment | Poultry - All Products Eligible |
| Egg Products | Egg Products | Poultry - All Products Eligible |

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±APHIS Guidance and Links

Beef and **Veal** imported from Canada are subjected to the [Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy](#) (BSE) requirements specified in [9 CFR 94.20](#).

Lamb and **Goat** imported from Canada are subject to the requirements in [9 CFR 94.25](#).

Link To Canada's Certified Establishment List:

- [Establishments Certified to Export Meat and Poultry Products to the United States](#)
- [Establishments Certified to Export Egg Products to the United States](#)

Product Categorization Guidance

- [FSIS Product Categorization](#) (PDF Only)

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Questions

