



**Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Poultry Meat
(excluding trimmings, mince, mechanically recovered poultry meat
and other anatomically unrecognizable cuts) to South Africa**

Date Issued: _____ Certificate Number: _____

1. The entire consignment of meat comes from poultry which have been kept in an administrative territory¹ declared free of infection with high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) viruses, in poultry in accordance with the OIE guidelines for HPAI, since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days.
2. The poultry meat is obtained from poultry found to be free, during ante-and post- mortem inspection of clinical signs of systemic infectious or contagious reportable diseases transmissible by the certified products to which the species is susceptible.
3. The poultry meat described herein was obtained from:
 - a) poultry hatched, and reared in the U.S.
AND/OR⁴
 - b) turkey poults legally imported from Canada that:
 - i. were resident in the U.S. for at least 42 days prior to slaughter,
AND
 - ii. at the time of importation of the turkeys into the U.S., the country of Canada was free of HPAI in accordance with the guidelines of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
4. The poultry meat described was derived from poultry that were slaughtered in the USA.
5. The poultry meat described was derived from poultry that originated from flocks which were not slaughtered in an official disease control or eradication program.
6. The entire consignment of poultry meat comes from poultry which have been kept in a Newcastle disease free zone² since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days.
7. The poultry meat comes from birds that participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan Avian Influenza Monitored Program, and are regularly monitored for *Salmonella pullorum*, *enteritidis* and *gallinarum*, and in the case of poultry hatched in the U.S. are the progeny of flocks that have the additional classification of U.S. Avian Influenza Clean.
8. The abattoir and cutting plant are not situated in a Newcastle disease infected zone, and HPAI infected administrative territory.^{1,3}
9. The poultry meat was derived from birds slaughtered and produced under a hazard analysis and preventive control system consistent with the South African Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No 40 of 2000) OR pathogen reduction and HACCP programs set forth in United States laws and regulations, which ensure the meat is safe and fit for human consumption.

¹ For the import of poultry meat from the United States a HPAI free administrative territory shall be defined as a state.

² For the import of poultry meat from the United States a ND free zone shall be defined as any area not considered a quarantine under 9 CFR, Part 82.3 and where no cases occurred within a 10km radius.

³ Infected zone is the geographic area designated by competent authority immediately surrounding an officially designated infected premise.

⁴ Delete as appropriate.



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10. The poultry meat was not subjected to ionizing irradiation.
11. Frozen poultry meat was maintained and at the time of loading was at 0⁰ F (-18⁰ C).
Fresh/Chilled poultry meat was maintained at 40⁰ F (4.44⁰ C).
12. The poultry meat products were hygienically handled under FSIS inspection and transported in accordance with U.S. State and Federal laws and regulations.
13. The poultry meat was produced in accordance with the U.S. National Residue Program.

Printed Name of Official Veterinarian		
Signature		
Professional Degree		

This Section to Be Completed By Exporter/Shipper		
South African Import Permit No.		
Container No.	Seal No.	Shipping Date
I Certify That The Above Information Is True		
Signature of Exporter/Shipper		Typed (or printed) Name of Exporter/Shipper And Title