

Import Regulations for the U. S. and Canadian Beef and Beef Products

A. Import of beef and beef products from the U. S. and Canada to Taiwan is limited to those complying with the following requirements:

(A) Beef and beef products shall be derived from cattle raised in the U. S. and Canada or countries from which the import of beef and beef products is approved by Taiwan, or cattle from other countries but have been raised in the U. S. or Canada for at least 100 days.

(B) Beef and beef products shall be derived from factories approved by veterinarian authorities of the exporting countries, and they shall pass ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection under the supervision of a veterinarian; during slaughtering process, the cattle shall not be under Stunning Process that infuses high-pressure gas or gas into their skulls or Pithing Process involving brain puncture.

(C) During slaughtering process, mixing Specified Risk Materials (SRMs), Mechanically Recovered Meat (MRM), or Mechanically Separated Meat (MSM) with beef and beef products is forbidden, and so does contamination of Advanced Meat Recovery (AMR) products made with meat removed from skulls and spines of cattle with more than 30 months of age.

(D) Certificates issued by the exporting country shall be attached during import.

a. For meat establishments under the Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program, the certificates shall be noted with “The beef or beef products were produced at a verified establishment under the USDA Less than 30 Month Age-Verification USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Taiwan.”

b. Meat establishments that have registered and been approved by Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Health Canada and approved for reference by Taiwan shall be attached with certificates noted with “the beef is derived from cattle that

were less than 30 months of age” and “the beef is derived from cattle that were slaughtered in establishments certified by the CFIA as eligible to export beef to Taiwan and that passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection under the supervision of a CFIA veterinarian.”

B. Though complying with the above regulations, skulls, brains, eyes, spinal cords, ground meat, and viscera are not allowed to be imported, including products mixed with the above items and the 36 products on the attached list.

C. Imported beef and beef products that violate related regulations of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation will be addressed according to the law