



USDA EXPORT VERIFICATION PROGRAM FOR PRODUCTS TRANSITING THE EUROPEAN UNION

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for exporting U.S. products to third countries while transiting the European Union (EU) under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughterers) of beef, pork, and poultry that are transiting the EU and destined for third countries. Neither further processors, nor fabricators or processors are required to meet the Program requirements; however, each will need to receive the certificate with the product from the slaughter facility. The only type of meat and poultry facility required to meet the Program requirements are slaughter facilities. Companies/suppliers must meet the specified product requirements for the EU through this EV Program.

Only companies/suppliers with an approved USDA EV Program for EU Transit may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for transiting the EU under this program.

3 References

QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs, General Policies and Procedures*

[USDA FSIS: Export Library – Requirements by Country website](#)

Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for EU Transit

4 Mode of Verification

- 4.1 Verification for this program shall be done semi-annually and offsite via virtual/desk audit. Exceptions are as follows:
 - a) Companies/suppliers approved to export product directly to the EU will already have an export program in place to meet these requirements. Verification for this program may be done onsite in conjunction with regularly scheduled EV audits.
 - b) Companies/suppliers with EV programs for other countries other than the EU may have these requirements verified during their regularly scheduled onsite EV audit.
- 4.2 When the assigned auditor contacts the company/supplier to schedule this audit, the company/supplier shall set up the virtual meeting via the carrier of their choice (ie. Microsoft Teams, Webex, Zoom, etc.).



- 4.3 The company/supplier shall provide all records requested by the auditor in support of the specified product requirements listed below. Records may be reviewed by the auditor by sharing desktop/screen or through use of a file sharing system.

5 Specified Product Requirements

- 5.1 Production records must be maintained for a minimum of three years.
- 5.2 The company/supplier must provide evidence of regular veterinary visits to the supplier (farm, ranch, feedlot, etc.). The frequency of these visits should at minimum be annually. The supplier must provide the harvest facility with an affidavit indicating that this requirement is met.
- 5.3 The company must maintain an approved supplier listing. The approved suppliers listing must:
- a) Identify the supplier's name, address, and approval date; and
 - b) Be available to the USDA for review.
- 5.4 The company must maintain the date that suppliers were removed from the suppliers listing.
- 5.5 Imported animals entering the US for direct slaughter are not eligible for this program.
- 5.6 Identification and segregation of conforming product must be maintained throughout the supply chain. A documented procedure for identification and segregation of conforming product must be maintained.

6 Shipping Documentation

- 6.1 Identification of conforming product during shipment and delivery must be documented on the shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee). The shipping documentation must:
- 6.1.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and
 - 6.1.2 Contain the following applicable statement:
 - 6.1.2.1 "Product Meets EV Program Requirements for EU Transit"

7 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. companies/suppliers that have demonstrated the ability to produce products in accordance with the EV Program for EU Transit will be listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for EU Transit*.



8 Responsibilities

U.S. companies/suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this procedure, and QAD 1000 Procedure: *Quality Systems Verification Programs, General Policies and Procedures*.

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