

Countries/Products Eligible for Export to the United States

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32 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 ₃		X ₃		X ₃		X ₃			
2	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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 ₄	X		X		X	X ₃	X			
6	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	Chile	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8	China										X ₅	
9	Costa Rica	X	X	X	X	X	X	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 ₂	X ₂					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	X	X ₄	X ₄			
22	Ireland	X	X ₂					X	X			
23	Israel									X ₃	X	
24	Italy	X ₂	X ₂						X			
25	Japan	X	X					X ₃	X			
26	Korea									X ₃	X	
27	Lithuania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
28	Mexico	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ₃	X ₆		X ₆	
29	Netherlands	X ₂	X ₂					X	X			X
30	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ₁	X ₁	
31	Nicaragua	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ₃	X			
32	Northern Ireland	X ₂	X ₂					X	X			
33	Poland	X ₂	X ₂					X	X			
34	Romania	X ₂	X ₂						X ₄			
35	San Marino	X ₂	X ₂						X			
36	Scotland	X ₂	X ₂					X ₄	X ₄			
37	Slovakia	X ₂	X ₂					X ₄	X ₄			
38	Spain	X ₂	X ₂					X	X			
39	Sweden	X ₂	X ₂					X ₄	X ₄			
40	Switzerland	X ₂	X ₂					X ₄	X ₄			
41	Taiwan	X ₄	X ₄						X ₄			
42	Uruguay	X	X	X	X	X ₃	X ₃	X ₃	X			
43	Wales	X ₂	X ₂					X ₄	X ₄			

Countries currently listed as equivalent in the Code of Federal Regulations for meat export and do not require rulemaking:

[CFR §327.2](#)

Countries currently listed as equivalent in the Code of Federal Regulations for poultry export and do not require rulemaking:

[CFR §381.196](#)

Countries currently listed as equivalent in the Code of Federal Regulations for egg product export and do not require rulemaking:

[CFR §590.910](#)

X: Country eligible to export eligible product. Countries that are eligible to export meat, poultry or and/or egg products have gone through the initial equivalence process that includes submission of documentation that supports government oversight of their food safety inspection system. After conclusion of document reviews, FSIS has performed an onsite audit, the rulemaking process has concluded, and the country has been listed as equivalent in the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR).

Footnotes:

^o9 CFR §381.196 currently identifies Great Britain as equivalent for poultry. Great Britain consists of England, Scotland, and Wales. 9 CFR §327.2 currently lists each of these countries separately as being equivalent for meat. There are active discussions to include England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales within the oversight of the United Kingdom; until these discussions are concluded these countries will continue to be listed separately.

X₁: Only eligible to export ratites. Countries that are eligible to export ratites have gone through the initial equivalence process that includes submission of documentation, on-site audits, and rulemaking. These countries are currently listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR).

X₂: Countries eligible under APHIS regulations to export beef and beef products due to amending of the BSE regulations for the importation of beef and beef products. Product ineligible until FSIS equivalence is verified. These countries are currently listed in 9 CFR §327.2 as having equivalent food safety inspection systems. However, due to the lack of beef exports, FSIS must determine that they have maintained an equivalent beef slaughter and/or processing system. These countries must provide supporting documentation that demonstrates government oversight of their food safety inspection system. After conclusion of document reviews, FSIS will perform an onsite audit. After conclusion of the audit the country may be found to have maintained an equivalent beef slaughter and/or processing system. Rulemaking is not required for these countries as they are already listed as eligible in 9 CFR.

X₃: Red shaded cells indicate APHIS animal disease restrictions and regionalization. These countries are not eligible to export product to the United States unless they are eligible by APHIS regionalization and FSIS equivalence. Countries with animal disease restrictions are not allowed to export raw product to the U.S. until APHIS makes a determination that the restriction can be lifted, and FSIS has determined that they have a slaughter inspection system that is equivalent to that of the United States. APHIS allows processed (heat treated) product to be exported to the U.S. provided that the product has been cooked to the required temperature. Additionally, FSIS must determine that the country has an equivalent inspection system for heat treated processed product. The determination of an equivalent slaughter or processing inspection system may require rulemaking if the country is not currently listed in 9 CFR §327.2, or in 9 CFR §381.196.

For further information on foreign countries' animal disease status please refer to the APHIS website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/home?urlile=wcm%3Apath%3A/aphis_content_library/sa_our_focus/sa_animal_health/sa_import_into_us/ct_animal_disease_status

X₄: Eligibility suspended pending equivalence verification. All countries that are designated with an X₄ except those in a blue cell are not actively seeking equivalence verification. Those countries in a blue cell have submitted documentation that supports their regulatory authority and verifies that the government oversight of their food safety inspection systems has not changed since the time of their suspension. Lifting of this suspension would not require rulemaking (e.g., Brazil, Argentina [raw beef], Belgium, Romania, Taiwan [processed pork] are all listed in 9 CFR §327.2. as equivalent and therefore do not require rulemaking).

X₅: Austria – Eligible to export processed (heat treated/cooked) pork, provided that the raw pork is sourced from countries that have an equivalent pork slaughter inspection system. Austria's slaughter inspection system is currently suspended due to lack of export, and has not expressed interest in equivalence verification.

China - Eligible to export processed (heat treated/cooked) poultry, provided that the raw poultry is sourced from countries that have an equivalent poultry slaughter inspection system.

X₆: Mexico – The following states have been determined by APHIS to be free of Classical Swine Fever: Baja California, Baja California Sur, Campeche, Chihuahua, Nayarit, Quintana Roo, Sinaloa, Sonora, and Yucatan. Raw pork from Mexico is eligible for U.S. export with APHIS certification. TIF 263 is in a region of Mexico that APHIS has determined to be affected with Classical Swine Fever. However, this establishment has been approved by APHIS to export cooked pork products only. TIF 241, TIF 344, TIF 483, and TIF 500 are in regions of Mexico that APHIS has determined to be free of Exotic Newcastle Disease. These establishments have been approved by APHIS to export raw poultry if the poultry originated in the U.S. or other countries that have an equivalent poultry slaughter inspection system. All other establishments in Mexico are only eligible to export processed (heat treated/cooked) poultry that originated in the U.S. or other countries that have an equivalent poultry slaughter inspection system.

Countries affected by APHIS regionalization:

- Argentina: Eligible to export heat processed pork, beef, lamb or goat only due to the presence of Classical Swine Fever, Swine Vesicular Disease, Rinderpest, Foot and Mouth Disease (except Patagonia). Patagonia does not have these diseases but is not yet eligible to export raw pork, beef, lamb or goat due to the lack of an equivalent slaughter system. See X₄
- Brazil: Raw pork is permitted only from establishments SIF 140, SIF 490, SIF 2183, SIF 3227, SIF 3392, and SIF 3548 that are within the State of Santa Catarina. Santa Catarina is not yet eligible to export raw beef, goat, or sheep due to the lack of an equivalent slaughter system. See X₄
- Mexico: See X₆

For a list of eligible foreign establishments: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/eligible-countries-foreign-establishments>