



## USDA Export Verification (EV) Program: Specified Product Requirements for Bovine – Republic of Korea

### 1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. beef and beef products to Korea under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

### 2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. companies (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of beef and beef products that are eligible for export to Korea as listed on the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) website.

Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Korea by either an approved *Declaration of Conforming Product* or an approved USDA QSA/EV Program for Korea.

The requirements for the USDA QSA Program are defined in *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*. The USDA QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system; and that product is identified and traceable through the system.

Only companies with an approved *Declaration of Conforming Product* or an approved USDA QSA Program for the EV Program for Korea may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Korea.

### 3 Reference Documents

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

*ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*

*Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to the USDA Bovine EV Programs* ([www.ams.usda.gov/arcaudits](http://www.ams.usda.gov/arcaudits))  
[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations\\_&\\_policies/Index\\_of\\_Import\\_Requirements\\_by\\_Country/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Index_of_Import_Requirements_by_Country/index.asp)

### 4 Specified Product Requirements

- 4.1 Eligible beef and beef products, as listed on the FSIS website, must be derived from animals that are born and raised in the U.S.; or legally imported from Mexico; or legally imported from Canada and resided in the U.S. for at least 100 days prior to slaughter.
- 4.2 Slaughter companies must maintain the record of self-certification (affidavit) from the previous location that cattle legally imported from Canada resided in the U.S. for at least 100 days prior to slaughter. (Note: A company may utilize a blanket 100-day affidavit that covers all cattle arriving at the establishment.)

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- 4.3 T-bone and Porterhouse steaks must be accompanied by a notation on the box that confirms these cuts were derived from cattle under 30 months of age. A documented procedure addressing this requirement must be maintained.
- 4.4 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement "Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Korea" and must clearly identify the product and product quantity.

## 5 Declaration of Conforming Product

- 5.1 Companies that produce only conforming products must complete and submit a *Declaration of Conforming Product*.
- 5.1.1 Companies must notify the ARC Branch in writing and in advance of the cancellation of the Declaration.
- 5.1.2 Companies must notify the ARC Branch immediately when a change occurs in the establishment's status or management representative.
- 5.2 Companies that produce conforming and non-conforming products must meet the specified products requirements of the EV Program for Korea through a USDA QSA Program.

## 6 Products List

Companies must maintain a products list that is approved by the ARC Branch.

## 7 Listing of Approved Programs

Only companies approved to produce product for export to Korea will be listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the USDA Bovine EV Program for Korea*.

- 7.1 Companies with an approved *Declaration of Conforming Product* will be listed as "DOCP" on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the USDA Bovine EV Program for Korea*.
- 7.2 Companies that have an approved USDA QSA Program which meets the specified product requirements for Korea will be listed as "EV Program" on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for the USDA Bovine EV Program for Korea*.

## 8 Responsibilities

Companies requiring an EV Program must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, *ARC 1000 Procedure*, and *ARC 1002 Procedure*.

Companies identified as "DOCP" must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure and *ARC 1000 Procedure*.