

Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

§ 327.5

Address \_\_\_\_\_
Establishment number \_\_\_\_\_
Consignee \_\_\_\_\_
Destination \_\_\_\_\_
Shipping marks \_\_\_\_\_
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_
(Name of official authorized by the national foreign government to issue inspection certificates for meat and meat byproducts exported to the United States) \_\_\_\_\_
(Official title) \_\_\_\_\_

Destination \_\_\_\_\_
Shipping marks \_\_\_\_\_
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_
(Name of official authorized by the national foreign government to issue inspection certificates for meat food product exported to the United States) \_\_\_\_\_
(Official title) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Except as provided in §327.16, each consignment containing any meat food product consigned to the United States from a foreign country shall be accompanied by a foreign-meat-inspection certificate for meat food products in the following form:

ORIGINAL

OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS

Place \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the meat food products herein described were derived from livestock which received ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspections at time of slaughter in plants certified for importation of their products into the United States, were handled in a sanitary manner, and were prepared under the continuous supervision of an inspector under control of the national meat inspection system and that said meat food products are not adulterated or misbranded as defined by the regulations governing meat inspection of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and are otherwise in compliance with requirements equivalent to those in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and said regulations.

I further certify that all products herein described that are prepared customarily to be eaten without cooking and contain muscle tissue of pork were treated for destruction of trichinae as prescribed in §318.10 of the Meat Inspection Regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Table with 4 columns: Kind of product, Species of livestock derived from, Number of pieces or containers, Weight

Identification marks on products and containers \_\_\_\_\_

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Consignee \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Each foreign meat-inspection certificate shall bear the official seal of the national government agency responsible for the inspection of the product and be signed and issued by an official authorized to sign and issue such certificates by the national government of the foreign country in which the product is inspected.

(d) Each foreign meat-inspection certificate shall be in both the English language and the language of the foreign country of origin.

(e) Except for product subject to procedures in §327.5(d)(1), the foreign meat inspection certificate required by this section to accompany each consignment containing any product shall be delivered by the consignee, or his agent, in the United States to the Program import inspector at the place of inspection, and inspection of the product will not be commenced prior to such delivery.

[35 FR 15610, Oct. 3, 1970, as amended at 54 FR 274, Jan. 5, 1989; 60 FR 38668, July 28, 1995]

§327.5 Importer to make application for inspection of products for entry; information required; "streamlined" inspection procedures for Canadian product.

(a) Except for importers of Canadian products, each importer shall apply for inspection of any product offered for entry by contacting the Import Field Office covering the location where import inspection will take place. The Import Field Office will provide specific application instructions (See §301.2 (yyy)).

(b) The application should be made as long as possible in advance of the anticipated arrival of each consignment, except in case of consignments of products expressly exempted from inspection by §§327.16 and 327.17, and in the case of product imported from Canada.

(c) Except in the case of product imported from Canada, each application shall state the approximate date on which the consignment is due to arrive

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at such port in the United States, the name of the ship or other carrier transporting it, the name of the country from which the product was, or is to be, shipped, the place where inspection is desired in accordance with § 327.6, the quantity and kind of product, and whether it is fresh, cured, canned or otherwise prepared. In case of consignments arriving in the United States by water, the application shall also state the port of first arrival in the United States.

(d) For participating Canadian establishments, an official of the Canadian meat inspection system shall contact the participating Import Field Office for an inspection assignment (See § 301.2 (yyy)).

(1) If the Automated Import Information System (AIIS) does not designate the consignment for reinspection, the consignment may be transported to its consignee for further distribution.

(2) If the AIIS designates the consignment for reinspection, the representative shall:

(i) Select samples in accordance with USDA sampling tables.<sup>3</sup>

(ii) Identify and place samples in the vehicle for easy removal and reinspection by an import inspector.

(3) In the event that any one of the requirements provided in (d)(2) of this section is not met, reinspection of the consignment shall be conducted by a Program import inspector in accordance with established procedures provided in the regulations for other imported products.

[54 FR 274, Jan. 5, 1989, as amended at 54 FR 41048, Oct. 5, 1989]

### **§ 327.6 Products for importation; program inspection, time and place; application for approval of facilities as official import inspection establishment; refusal or withdrawal of approval; official numbers.**

(a)(1) Except as provided in §§ 327.5(d)(1), 327.16 and 327.17, all products offered for entry from any foreign country shall be reinspected by a Pro-

gram inspector before they shall be allowed entry into the United States.

(2) Every lot of product shall routinely be given visual inspection by a Program import inspector for appearance and condition, and checked for certification and label compliance, except as provided in 327.5(d)(1).

(3) The computerized Automated Import Information System (AIIS) shall be consulted for reinspection instructions. The AIIS will assign reinspection levels and procedures based on established sampling plans or established sampling plans and established product and plant history.

(4) When the inspector deems it necessary, the inspector may sample and inspect lots not designated by AIIS.

(b) All products, required by this part to be inspected, shall be inspected only at an official establishment or at an official import inspection establishment approved by the Administrator as provided in this section. Such approved official import inspection establishments will be listed in the Directory of Meat and Poultry Inspection Program Establishments, Circuits and Officials, published by the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The listing will categorize the kind or kinds of product<sup>2</sup> which may be inspected at each official import inspection establishment, based on the adequacy of the facilities for making such inspections and handling such products in a sanitary manner.

(c) Owners or operators of establishments, other than official establishments, who want to have import inspections made at their establishments, shall apply to the Administrator for approval of their establishments for such purpose. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the Program, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, and shall include all information called for by that form.

(d) Approval for Federal import inspection shall be in accordance with part 304 of this subchapter.

(e) Owners or operators of establishments at which import inspections of

<sup>3</sup> A copy of the sampling tables is available, upon request, from the Import Inspection Division, International Programs, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

<sup>1</sup> [Reserved]

<sup>2</sup> For example: Canned product, boneless meat, carcasses and cuts.