

Export Requirements for The People's Republic of China

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Eligible/Ineligible Products

A. Eligible

1. Sheep/lamb casings intended for processing (selection for size and quality) in China and subsequent re-export.
2. Pork and pork products. Pork and pork products with FSIS export certificate issuance dates on or after July 1, 2014 must be produced according to the Ractopamine Control Program below. Pork casings intended for processing (selection for size and quality) in China and subsequent re-export are exempt from the ractopamine residue control program.

Note: Exporters are advised that importers must have a valid import license to allow entry of meat and poultry and meat and poultry products. Exporters should work closely with their importer to assure that the proper licenses have been obtained.

B. Ineligible

1. Beef and beef products and tallow.
2. Sheep/lamb meat.
3. Sheep/lamb casings other than those described in A.
4. Poultry feet produced according to the "Hong Kong" standard.
5. Powdered chicken.
6. Edible animal fats for all species.
7. Effective January 9, 2015, all poultry products are ineligible for export to China.

Note for the Exporter: Since the date of the announcement was issued by China (January 9, 2015), all poultry and poultry related products shipping from the United States shall be returned or destroyed.*

8. Specific State restrictions for poultry and poultry products:

Poultry from eligible States may not transit the restricted States even if the truck, container, or railcar is sealed.

Virginia - Poultry and poultry products derived from birds slaughtered or processed prior to April 30, 2014 are ineligible. Poultry and poultry products derived from birds slaughtered on or after April 30, 2014 are eligible.

Arkansas - Poultry and poultry products derived from birds slaughtered before May 15, 2013 are ineligible. Poultry and poultry products derived from birds slaughtered on or after May 15, 2013 and shipped before July 22, 2013 are eligible for export. All poultry and poultry products shipped from the State of Arkansas on or after July 22, 2013 are ineligible for export.

New York - All poultry and poultry products shipped from the State of New York on or after January 28, 2013, from the State of New York are ineligible for export to China.

Wisconsin – All poultry and poultry products shipped from the State of Wisconsin on or after July 22, 2013 are ineligible for export.

California – All poultry and poultry products derived from birds slaughtered, processed or shipped from the State of California on or after May 20, 2014 are ineligible.

New Jersey - All poultry and poultry products derived from birds slaughtered, processed, or shipped from the State of New Jersey on or after September 18, 2014, are ineligible.

9. Eligibility of equine products, including horsemeat, has not been determined at this time. Information will be provided as it becomes available. Until eligibility information is provided, export certification cannot be issued for equine products intended for export to China.

Ractopamine Control Program

Pork and pork products with FSIS export certificate issuance dates on or after July 1, 2014 must be derived from lots of hogs that have negative test results for ractopamine. Companies may use either the Ractopamine Residue Program or the [AMS Never Fed Beta Agonist QSVP](#).

A. Ractopamine Residue Program

1. Each lot of animals will be tested by the establishment.
2. Testing will be done on a tissue (muscle, liver, or kidney) from a single representative animal from each lot.
 - a. A lot is defined as animals arriving from a single production system (production sites under common management, but may be geographically dispersed) on a particular day.
 - b. All pork and pork products exported to China must be from lots that have not tested positive for ractopamine.
 - c. Testing will be conducted using an [AMS-approved screening method](#).
3. A copy of test results for the relevant lot(s) or the [FSIS transfer certificate](#) must accompany the FSIS Form 9060-6 Application for Export Certificate. Effective July 1, 2014, FSIS will issue a revised FSIS letterhead certificate for shipments with negative test results.

Pork produced for export to China will be tracked from entry to the plant through issuance of the FSIS export certificates and shipment to China. Tracking will be conducted by using a copy of the testing results accompanying each shipment or an FSIS transfer certificate that identifies the product lots and corresponding test results.

4. If a lot tests positive using the screening test, all product from the lot is either diverted for another use or a testable portion of the same sample is sent to an [AMS-approved laboratory](#) for confirmatory LC/MS testing. The laboratory confirmatory test must show a negative result for products from the lot to be certified for export to China.
 5. Each establishment must have a written program detailing its controls, testing, and segregation procedures available for FSIS review.
- B. AMS Never Fed Beta Agonist QVSP
1. Pork and pork products produced under the [AMS Never Fed Beta Agonist QSVP](#) are exempt from the Ractopamine Residue Program requirements above.
 - a. If a lot tests positive for a beta agonist, the establishment will follow the procedures related to positive findings stated in the program (Section 5.4.2).
 - b. Approved product codes or alternative system identifier will accompany the application in place of test results or FSIS transfer certificates when the product was produced according the AMS Never Fed Beta Agonist QSVP.

- c. Information about establishments with approved AMS Never Fed Beta Agonist QSVP can be obtained from the [AMS website](#). The unique product identification system can be accessed by authorized FSIS inspection personnel from [FSIS' Intranet site](#).
- d. If FSIS inspection personnel, whether at the eligible slaughter, processing establishment or cold storage facility, are unable to verify the unique product code or alternative system identifier or become aware of concerns that an establishment is not properly executing its AMS Never Fed Beta Agonist QSVP programs, export certification should not be issued for the product in question and AMS should be notified at QAD.AuditService@ams.usda.gov. Inspection personnel should include their immediate supervisor on messages to AMS. The following information should be included in the message:
 - Establishment name, address, and establishment number
 - Product type, product code, and quantity of product
 - Date of production, lot number, and shift
 - Date and nature of observation
 - Name of country product is intended for export
 - Export certificate number (if applicable)
 - Any other information to verify claim
 - Name of inspection official

Labeling Requirements

- A. Edible poultry feet - poultry feet from only inspected and passed birds. Containers must bear inspection legend.
- B. Exterior Label (information may appear on an independent label or be present somewhere on the primary display panel):
(Chinese and English).
 1. Product name
 2. Country of origin
 3. Establishment number
 4. Production date
 5. Expiration date or storage period
 6. Storage temperature
 7. Country of destination
 8. Net weight (English)
 9. Inspection legend (English)
 10. Name and address of Company (English)
 11. Production Lot number (as defined by the exporter)

12. Specification (refers to packaging type)
- C. Inner Label: English and/or Chinese
1. Product name
 2. Country of origin
 3. Establishment number
 4. Production Lot number (as defined by the exporter)

The production lot numbers for the exterior and inner label must be the same.

There are no restrictions on the label size, color, size of the wording, or any other format characteristics as long as the label is legible and easy to read.

Documentation Requirements

All FSIS export certificates accompanying the product must be signed by a FSIS veterinarian. The veterinary degree (DVM or equivalent) must be indicated after the signature.

A. Pre-notification

China's Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ), requires advance electronic notification of all scheduled meat and poultry shipments. It is the responsibility of the exporter, or their designated agent, such as the exporting establishment, to ensure that proper notification is provided.

China has agreed to use the USDA's [Electronic Trade Document Exchange \(eTDE\)](#) system to receive certificates prior to arrival of the product in China. The eTDE system will allow for the relevant certificates to be viewed in a pdf format on the eTDE system by registered AQSIQ inspection officials.

The required certificates for prior notification include FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness, FSIS Form 9295-1, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to The People's Republic of China, and the appropriate FSIS letterhead certificate, as designated in the documentation section of the FSIS export library.

Replacement certificates must be notified to The People's Republic of China using the same process in which the original certificate was notified.

These documents can be provided by either the exporter or the exporting establishment designated on FSIS Form 9060-5. In order to upload certificates into the eTDE system, individual users will need to obtain an account with USDA eAuthentication, then register this account, as well as in the user's company, in the eTDE system. Detailed instructions for registration and fact sheets on the eTDE system are available on the USDA Web site at <http://www.etde.usda.gov/etdehelpcenter.aspx>.

Note: Effective February 28, 2014, Public Health Veterinarians are no longer required to use the Export Certification Data Task to enter the export certificate number into the Public Health Information System.

Note: Pre-notification requirement does not apply to natural casings.

- B. Fresh/frozen meat and poultry and meat and poultry products. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004), Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to The People's Republic of China.

FSIS Form 9295-1 is a watermarked form and must be ordered from the FSIS Field Supply Center. Photocopies of this form must not be used to certify product intended for China.

- C. Effective July 1, 2014, pork and pork products - obtain FSIS Form 9060-5 and FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004), Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export the People's Republic of China. In addition, obtain a bilingual [FSIS letterhead certificate](#) with the statements below. The FSIS inspector must apply the export stamp showing the corresponding export certificate number to the bottom of the Additional Certificate. The Application for Export Certificate must be accompanied by the test results, transfer certificate, or product codes described in the Ractopamine Control Program section of these requirements.
 - 1. Influenza A/H1N1 is a disease that is included in United States animal disease surveillance activities.
 - 2. The pork meat and/or meat products were derived from pigs which were determined to be healthy on official ante-mortem (pre-slaughter) inspection, with no clinical signs of systemic disease, including A/H1N1.

3. Pork meat and meat products will not be a source of A/H1N1 infection when they have been handled as required by USDA regulations which are compatible with good hygienic practices recommended by the WHO, FAO, Codex Alimentarius, and the OIE.
 4. This consignment of pork products was either derived from a lot of animals tested for ractopamine residues, or is derived from an animal produced under USDA's Never Fed Beta-agonist Program.
- D. Pork Casings: Obtain FSIS Form 9060-7 (08/26/2011). In addition, obtain a bilingual [Additional Certificate](#) with the following statements. The FSIS inspector must apply the export stamp showing the corresponding export certificate number to the bottom of the Additional Certificate.
1. Influenza A/H1N1 is a disease that is included in United States animal disease surveillance activities.
 2. The pork meat and/or meat products were derived from pigs which were determined to be healthy on official ante-mortem (pre-slaughter) inspection, with no clinical signs of systemic disease, including A/H1N1.
 3. Pork meat and meat products will not be a source of A/H1N1 infection when they have been handled as required by USDA regulations which are compatible with good hygienic practices recommended by the WHO, FAO, Codex Alimentarius, and the OIE.
- E. Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products, including poultry feet. The following statement must be included in the Remarks section of FSIS Form 9060-5 and FSIS Form 9295-1:

"The poultry meat/poultry meat product was produced on or after November 9, 2004."

- F. Poultry Feet
1. Poultry feet bearing the mark of inspection - Obtain FSIS 9060-5 - Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness, and FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004), Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to The People's Republic of China.
- G. Sheep and Lamb Casings
1. For US origin Casings, obtain FSIS Form 9060-7 (08/26/2011) - "Animal Casings Export Certificate for countries requiring Ante-mortem, Post-Mortem, and Fit for Human Food Statements."
 2. For imported casings, obtain FSIS form 9060-18 (08/25/2011) - "Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring

Ante-mortem, Post-mortem, and Sound and Clean Statements."

H. Pork or poultry exported to The People's Republic of China for further processing and subsequently exported to Japan - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004), Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness for Export to The People's Republic of China. Upon the request of the exporter, the following information must be provided either in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 and FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004) or on an FSIS letterhead certificate (which is signed by the same FSIS veterinarian signing the export certificate):

1. All products - Statements for products intended for re-export to Japan:

"The meat and/or meat products described herein were processed under sanitary conditions in accordance with laws and regulations of the United States. The laws and regulations of the United States have been deemed to be equivalent to the inspection laws of Japan."

2. For pork only, also include the following statement:

"The USA is free of hog cholera; vaccination against hog cholera is prohibited; and importation of pigs vaccinated against hog cholera is prohibited."

The following are also required for pork products:

- Name, address, and establishment number of the slaughter (If product is quarter, half, or whole carcass) or processing plant (if packaged product).
- "Date (Month/Year) of Slaughter and Inspection," if product is quarter, half, or whole carcass or "Date (Month/Year) of Manufacture," if cuts or processed products, i.e., pack date

Note: Listing of dates in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 must be identified as shown above to be consistent with the term used on [FSIS Form 9290-1 \(05/20//2014\)](#)

3. Poultry products

a. For poultry only, also include the following statement:

"There have been no outbreaks of fowl pest (fowl plague) for at least 90 days in the United States. Further, in the area where birds for export (meat) were produced (such an area

being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm), Newcastle disease, fowl cholera, and other serious infectious fowl diseases, as recognized by the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days."

- b. Poultry is restricted for export to Japan from certain States for specific periods. Certification must be provided that poultry did not originate from or transit through these States during the restricted periods relative to each affected State. Obtain the appropriate statements from the [Japan requirements](#).
- I. The number of the ocean vessel container and the number of the shipper's commercial seal (Not a USDA seal) applied to the container must be indicated in the Ocean/Air Cargo Container Number(s) and Seal Number blocks on the FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004).
 1. If the container and seal numbers are known at the time that the product is certified for export, the exporter should indicate the numbers in block 14 on FSIS 9060-6, Application for Export Certificate. Also, the numbers should be included in the appropriate blocks on the FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004).
 2. If the container and seal numbers are NOT known at the time that the product is certified for export:
 - . The applicant completes FSIS form 9060-6, Application for Export to include all required information, and in block 14, enters the company name, contact person, address, and phone number of the company that will load and seal the container. FSIS will then provide the FSIS Form 9060-5, allow product to be stamped with the export stamp, perform export inspection, and allow shipment of the product without signing FSIS Form 9060-6 FSIS Form 9060-5 and the corresponding FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004).
 - a. The unsigned certificates are to be held by the original applicant. When the container and seal numbers are obtained, they are to be entered in block 14 of FSIS Form 9060-6 and in the appropriate blocks on the FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004).
 - b. The applicant then requests signature of the completed FSIS Form 9060-6 by the same FSIS inspection office that provided export inspection. FSIS Form 9060-5 and the corresponding FSIS Form 9295-1 (1/12/2004) can then be signed by an FSIS veterinarian.
 3. If additional space is needed in the "Ocean/Air Cargo Container Number(s)" block in the case of multiple containers

certified with a single certificate, an FSIS letterhead certificate indicating the container and seal numbers should be issued. The letterhead certificate should also indicate the certificate number, the date of the certificate, and the signature of the same veterinarian signing the FSIS 9060-5 and FSIS 9295-1 (1/12/2004) certificates.

J. For poultry products only, FSIS export certificates may indicate a Hong Kong importer as the consignee for product destined to The People's Republic of China.

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Note to Exporters

Chemical Residue and Microbiological Limits. U.S. meat and poultry products may be rejected due to inconsistencies between U.S. and Chinese residue and microbiological standards for these products. Specific information regarding China's residue and microbiological limits can be obtained from FSIS, (importexport@fsis.usda.gov, FAX (202) 720-7990, Phone (202) 720-0082), or (855) 444-9904.

China's Maximum Residue Levels (MRL) for tetracycline hydrochloride, and oxytetracycline is listed below. China does not allow the use of sulfathiazole in pork production.

China MRL			
	Kidney	Liver	Muscle
Tetracycline hydrochloride and oxytetracycline	600 µg/kg	300 µg/kg	100 µg/kg
Sulfathiazole	Not approved for use in China.		

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Warning: Processors of pork for export to China must have reason to believe that the product will meet Chinese MRLs. Shipments may be rejected and establishments delisted due to violations of Chinese residue standards.

PRC requires heat treatment of all packing material made of conifer materials as a preventive measure against pinewood parasites. This includes wood pallets. The ISPM 15 standard

adopted by China and Form PPQ 553 is no longer needed. For more information about wood packing material, visit the USDA, APHIS Website at www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/wpm/index.shtml. For China specifically, visit the USDA, APHIS Website at www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/wpm/country/china.shtml.

Plants Eligible to Export

All Federally inspected establishments are eligible for export to The People's Republic of China except for the plants identified in the Plants Not Eligible to Export section below.

Est. 18079, Smithfield Packing Co., Tarheel, NC - Pork and pork products including heart and livers, with the exception of kidneys, stomach, intestine and bungs, that are produced on or after August 1, 2012 are eligible for export to China. Kidneys, stomach, intestine and bungs and other pork by-products produced on or after September 18, 2012 are eligible for export to China.

Est. 791, Clemens Food Group [formerly Hatfield Quality Meats], Hatfield, PA - pork and pork products processed on and after August 30, 2013.

P-7100, Tyson Foods Inc, Nashville, AR, poultry produced on and after August 30, 2013.

P-20245, Equity Group-KY Division, LLC, Albany, KY, poultry products produced on and after August 30, 2013.

P-667, Mountaire Farms of Delmarva, Selbyville, DE poultry products produced on and after August 30, 2013.

P-40183, Sanderson Farms, Inc. - Kinston, Kinston, NC - poultry products produced on and after August 30, 2013,

Plants Not Eligible to Export

Meat and poultry and meat and poultry products produced or stored at the establishments listed below are not eligible for export to China until further notice. Meat and poultry products produced at other establishments from raw materials originating from these establishments are also not eligible for export to China.

Est. 995, Swift Pork Company, Louisville, KY, effective May 7, 2008.

Est. 17564, Indiana Packers Corp., Delphi, IN, effective August 15, 2007.

Est. 31559, Meadowbrook Farms Cooperative, Rantoul, IL, effective May 7, 2008.

Est. 5804, John Morrell & Co., Sioux City, IA, effective August 3, 2009.

Est. P-2686, Equity Group Georgia Division, Camilla, GA, effective April 19, 2013.

Est. P-308, Koch Foods of Mississippi LLC, Morton, MS, effective April 19, 2013.

Est. P-1309, Columbia Farms, Greenville, SC, effective April 19, 2013.

Est. P-855D, Pilgrim's Corporation, Athens, GA, effective April 19, 2013.

Est. P-20935, Michigan Turkey Producers, LLC, Wyoming, MI, effective April 19, 2013.

Est. 717M, Farmland Foods, Inc., Monmouth, IL - Product produced on or after May 8, 2013 is not eligible for export.

Est. P-509, Koch Foods, LLC, Morristown, TN, effective July 10, 2013.

Est. P-7487, Koch Foods, LLC, Chattanooga, TN, effective July 10, 2013.

Est. P-19494, NOCS South Atlantic, North Charleston, SC, Meat and meat products and poultry and poultry products shipped on or after July 10, 2013 are not eligible for export.

Est. P-551, Jennie-O Turkey Store Sales, LLC, Willmar, MN - Product shipped on or after August 7, 2013 is not eligible for export.

Est. 244L, Tyson Fresh Meats Inc., Columbus Jct., IA - product shipped on or after September 20, 2013 is not eligible for export.

Est. 3S, Swift Pork Company, Marshalltown, IA - product shipped on or after September 5, 2013 is not eligible for export.

Est. 19246, Cloverleaf Cold Storage, Sioux City, IA - products shipped on or after April 21, 2014.

Est. 21069, Premium Iowa Pork, Hospers, IA - products shipped on or after April 21, 2014.

Est. 244W, Tyson Fresh Meats Inc., Waterloo, IA - product shipped on or after June 6, 2014.

Est. 3555, Transcontinental Cold Storage, Sioux City, IA - product shipped on or after June 6, 2014.

Est. 13597, Seaboard Foods, Guymon, OK - product shipped on or after June 6, 2014.

Est. 1620, Quality Pork Processors, Inc., Austin, MN - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 3136, Cloverleaf Cold Storage of Fairm, Fairmont, MN - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 32006, Frozen Assets Cold Storage, Chicago, IL - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 31965, Triumph Foods, St. Joseph, MO - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 19444, Nor-Am Cold Storage, Inc, St. Joseph, MO - product shipped

on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 18674, Millard Refrigerated Services, Edwardsville, KS - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 244P, Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc, Perry, IA - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 244I, Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc, Logansport, IN - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 244, Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc, Storm Lake, IA - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 3170, Hanson Cold Storage Co., Logansport, IN - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 199N, Hormel Foods Corp., Fremont, NE - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 3190, Americold Logistics LLC, Fremont, NE - product shipped on or after August 13, 2014.

Est. 3648 Fulton Market Cold Storage, Lyons, IL – product shipped on or after November 2, 2014.

Unless specifically identified as restricted in the list, hog casings are not affected by the Chinese delisting actions and remain eligible for export from the applicable establishments listed above.