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Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Ruminants

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Introduction and Subsidiary Locator

The *Foreign Origin Meat or Meat Products, Ruminants* section covers beef extract, bone stock, bouillon cubes, dehydrated soup containing pieces and chunks of ruminant meat, and fresh, cooked, cured and dried meat of ruminants.



Ruminant meat and meat products from BSE-affected countries are **prohibited** entry.

Ruminant meat and meat products from a country designated at minimal risk for BSE are **restricted**.

Regulations provide the authority to regulate specific products such as fresh (chilled or frozen) meat, cured and dried meat, and cooked meat from affected foreign countries. Policy has been established to control other products that are imported which may pose a risk to U.S. agriculture.

When a VS permit does **not** authorize entry, use [Table 3-12-1](#) which directs you to the final regulatory action to take.



Important

Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial). If this government of origin certificate is not presented, then regulate using the table below.

TABLE 3-12-1 Where to Find Regulatory Action on Ruminant Meat and Meat Products

If the importation is:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	Then:
Beef bone stock ¹	→	→	GO to Table 3-12-2
Beef extract ¹			
Bouillon cubes ¹			
Cooked meat, perishable		→	GO to Table 3-12-10
Cooked, shelf-stable meat (in hermetically-sealed cans or flexible, retorted pouches)	Affected with BSE	→	REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ²	Bovine (bison, buffalo, cattle, yak) in hermetically-sealed cans ³	GO to Table 3-12-5
		Bovine (bison, buffalo, cattle, yak) in retorted, flexible pouches	GO to Table 3-12-6
		Camelid (alpacas, camels, llamas)	RELEASE
		Caprine (goat)	GO to Table 3-12-7
		Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose)	RELEASE
		Ovine (sheep)	GO to Table 3-12-7
		Free from BSE	Bovine (bison, buffalo, cattle, yak) in hermetically-sealed cans ³
		Bovine (bison, buffalo, cattle, yak) in retorted, flexible pouches	GO to Table 3-12-6
		Camelid (alpacas, camels, llamas)	RELEASE
		Caprine (goat)	GO to Table 3-12-7
		Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose)	RELEASE
		Ovine (sheep)	GO to Table 3-12-7
Cured and dried meat		→	GO to Table 3-12-17

TABLE 3-12-1 Where to Find Regulatory Action on Ruminant Meat and Meat Products (continued)

If the importation is:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	Then:
Dehydrated soup mixes containing pieces and chunks of meat		Flavored with beef extract or bone stock	GO to Table 3-12-2
		Containing pieces of meat	GO to Table 3-12-3
Edible tallow (rendered fat; i.e., from heart, lips, beef feet, etc.) ⁴	Affected with BSE		REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ²	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-3	REFER to FSIS
		Lacks CFIA Annex A-3	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Free from BSE	Is accompanied by a certificate of origin	REFER to FSIS
Lacks the required certificate of origin		REFUSE ENTRY	
Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat		GO to Table 3-12-21	
Meat by-products (formerly called edible offal); includes beef feet, brain, cheeks, heart, kidney, lips, liver, lung, spleen, tail, thymus (sweetbread), tongue, and tripe	Affected with BSE		REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ²		REGULATE as meat and run through the first column of this table (cooked, shelf-stable, fresh, cured and dried, etc.)
	Free from BSE	Is accompanied by a certificate of origin	REGULATE as meat and run through the first column of this table (cooked, shelf-stable, fresh, cured and dried, etc.)
Lacks the required certificate of origin		REFUSE ENTRY	
Suet or products containing suet		GO to Table 3-12-8	

- 1 Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial).
- 2 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.
- 3 Determine shelf stability in cargo just as you would in baggage; see [Table 2-3-3](#).
- 4 Edible tallow listed as an ingredient in a food product ready for human consumption, and food products cooked in tallow (such as french fries and hash browns) are allowed unrestricted entry.

Beef/Goat/Sheep Extract and Bone Stock; Bouillon Cubes or Dehydrated Soup Mix Flavored With Beef Extract or Bone Stock



Important

Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial). If this government of origin certificate is not presented, then regulate using the table below.

TABLE 3-12-2 Beef/Goat/Sheep Extract, Beef/Goat Bone Stock, and Bouillon Cubes or Dehydrated Soup Mix Flavored With Beef/Goat/Sheep Extract or Bone Stock

If the meat product is:	And the country or region of export is:	And the importation:	Then:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Beef, goat, or sheep extract¹ ◆ Beef, goat, or sheep bone stock¹ ◆ Bouillon cubes or dehydrated soup mixes flavored with beef, goat, sheep extract or beef bone stock¹ 	Affected with BSE or BSE in combination with FMD	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
	Minimal risk for BSE ²	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1		RELEASE
		Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1		1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the certification, PROVIDE with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
		Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-4		RELEASE
		Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-4		1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the certification, PROVIDE with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Affected with FMD, but not BSE	Is accompanied by a VS Permit		RELEASE
		Lacks a VS permit		REFUSE ENTRY
	Free from both BSE and FMD		→	RELEASE
Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR		→	RELEASE	

- 1 Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial).
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Dehydrated Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Ruminant Meat

To regulate dehydrated soup mixes that contain pieces of bovine meat, see [Table 3-12-3](#). To regulate dehydrated soup mixes that contain pieces of caprine or ovine meat, see [Table 3-12-4](#).

Dehydrated Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Bovine Meat



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TABLE 3-12-3 Dehydrated Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Bovine Meat

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the meat source is:	And:	Then:
Dehydrated soup mix containing pieces of bovine meat	Affected with BSE or BSE in combination with FMD			REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	◆ Cattle	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then REFUSE ENTRY
		◆ Bison ◆ Buffalo ◆ Yak	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then REFUSE ENTRY

TABLE 3-12-3 Dehydrated Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Bovine Meat (continued)

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the meat source is:	And:	Then:
Dehydrated soup mix containing pieces of bovine meat	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	◆ Cattle	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-4	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-4	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then REFUSE ENTRY
		◆ Bison ◆ Buffalo ◆ Yak	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-4	RELEASE
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-4	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then REFUSE ENTRY
	Affected with FMD only	Cattle	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate ²	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required meat inspection certificate ²	REFUSE ENTRY
	Affected with FMD only	◆ Bison ◆ Buffalo ◆ Yak	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate ²	RELEASE
			Lacks the required meat inspection certificate ²	REFUSE ENTRY
	Free from BSE and FMD	Cattle	→	REFER to FSIS
		◆ Bison ◆ Buffalo ◆ Yak	→	RELEASE

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2 A meat inspection certificate declaring that:

- ◆ All meat is free of bones
- ◆ All meat has been cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 175°F (79.4°C)
- ◆ The meat product has not been associated, in any way, with any BSE affected region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)(1) and 94.18(a)(2)

Dehydrated Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Caprine or Ovine Meat

To regulate dehydrated soup mixes that contain pieces of caprine (goat) or ovine (sheep) meat, use [Table 3-12-4](#).

TABLE 3-12-4 Dehydrated Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Caprine or Ovine Meat

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	Then:
Dehydrated soup mix containing pieces of caprine (goat) or ovine (sheep) meat	Affected with BSE or BSE in combination with FMD	→	REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	RELEASE
		Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Affected with FMD only	Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ²	RELEASE
		Lacks certification ²	REFUSE ENTRY
Free from BSE and FMD	→	RELEASE	

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2 A government of origin certificate declaring that:

- ◆ All meat is free of bones
- ◆ All meat was heated to a minimum internal temperature of 175° F (79.4°C), AND
- ◆ The meat product has not been associated, in any way, with any BSE affected region listed in 9 CFR 94.18(a)(1) and 94.18(a)(2)

Shelf Stable Meat in Hermetically Sealed Cans or Retorted, Flexible Pouches

To process shelf-stable beef in retorted, flexible pouches, the meat is typically first heated in a kettle, then poured or pumped into a flexible pouch. Next, the product undergoes an additional cooking step; a retort (a larger version of the stove-top pressure cooker) cooks the product in the flexible pouch under pressure and allows the temperature to exceed 212° F. During this retort process, the container is sterilized along with the product.

To regulate shelf-stable beef in hermetically sealed cans, see [Table 3-12-5 on page 3-12-10](#). To regulate shelf-stable beef in retorted, flexible pouches, see [Table 3-12-6 on page 3-12-12](#).

To regulate shelf-stable caprine (goat) and ovine (sheep) meat in cans or retorted, flexible pouches, see [Table 3-12-7 on page 3-12-15](#).

Shelf-Stable Beef in Hermetically Sealed Cans

To determine how to regulate shelf-stable beef in hermetically sealed cans, see [Table 3-12-5](#).

TABLE 3-12-5 Shelf-Stable Beef in Hermetically Sealed Cans

If the ruminant meat is:	And the country or region of export is:	And is arriving from:	And:	And:	Then:	
Shelf-stable beef in hermetically sealed cans	Affected with BSE only	—————→			REFUSE ENTRY	
	Affected with BSE in combination with FMD	—————→			REFUSE ENTRY	
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹		—————→	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	—————→	REFER to FSIS
				Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-4	—————→	REFER to FSIS
				Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1 and Annex A-4	—————→	REFUSE ENTRY
	Affected with FMD only	Brazil		Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Is appropriately certified ²	REFER to FSIS
					Lacks certification ²	REFUSE ENTRY
				Lacks a meat inspection certificate	—————→	REFUSE ENTRY
				Other than Brazil	—————→	
	Free from both BSE and FMD	—————→			REFER to FSIS	

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2 A government certificate from Brazil declaring the ruminant products being exported are obtained from **one** of the three options below:

- ◆ Animals that were born and raised in Brazil and were: (a) born after July 3, 1996 when the ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban was decreed and (b) exclusively grass fed and **not** fed any animal proteins
OR
- ◆ Animals that were born outside Brazil in countries **not** considered by USDA to be affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or having a significant risk of BSE according to 9CFR §94.18 and were slaughtered in Brazil
OR
- ◆ Animals that were born, raised, and slaughtered outside of Brazil in countries **not** considered by USDA to be affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or having a significant risk of BSE according to 9CFR §94.18




Shelf-stable Beef in Retorted, Flexible Pouches

To determine how to regulated shelf-stable beef in retorted, flexible pouches, see [Table 3-12-6](#).

TABLE 3-12-6 Shelf-Stable Beef in Retorted, Flexible Pouches

If the ruminant meat is:	And the country or region of export is:	And is arriving from:	And:	And:	Then:
Shelf-stable beef in retorted, flexible pouches	Affected with BSE or BSE in combination with FMD	—————→			REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	—————→	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	—————→	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	—————→	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
			Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-4	—————→	RELEASE
	—————→	Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-4	—————→	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)	

TABLE 3-12-6 Shelf-Stable Beef in Retorted, Flexible Pouches (continued)

If the ruminant meat is:	And the country or region of export is:	And is arriving from:	And:	And:	Then:
Shelf-stable beef in retorted, flexible pouches	Affected with FMD only	Brazil	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Is appropriately certified ²	REFER to FSIS
				Lacks certification ²	REFUSE ENTRY
			Lacks a meat inspection certificate		REFUSE ENTRY
		Other than Brazil	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Is appropriately certified ³	REFER to FSIS
				Lacks certification ³	REFUSE ENTRY
		Lacks a meat inspection certificate		REFUSE ENTRY	
Free from BSE and FMD				REFER to FSIS	

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2 A government certificate from Brazil declaring:

- ◆ All bones have been completely removed in the region of origin
- ◆ This product was hermetically sealed and then cooked via a true retort process to insure a commercially sterile, shelf-stable product
- ◆ The ruminant products being exported are obtained from:

(1) Animals that were born and raised in Brazil and were: (a) born after July 3, 1996 when the ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban was decreed and (b) exclusively grass fed and **not** fed any animal proteins

or

(2) Animals that were born outside Brazil in countries **not** considered by USDA to be affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or having a significant risk of BSE according to 9CFR §94.18 and were slaughtered in Brazil

or

(3) Animals that were born, raised, and slaughtered outside of Brazil in countries **not** considered by USDA to be affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or having a significant risk of BSE according to 9CFR §94.18

3 A government certificate declaring:

- ◆ All bones have been completely removed in the region of origin
- ◆ This product was hermetically sealed and then cooked via a true retort process to insure a commercially sterile, shelf-stable product

Shelf-Stable Caprine and Ovine Meat in Hermetically Sealed Cans or Retorted, Flexible Pouches

To determine how to regulate shelf-stable ovine (sheep) and caprine (goat) meat in hermetically sealed cans or retorted, flexible pouches, see [Table 3-12-7](#).

TABLE 3-12-7 Shelf-Stable Caprine and Ovine Meat in Hermetically Sealed Cans or Retorted, Flexible Pouches

If the ruminant meat is:	And the country or region of export is:	And is arriving from:	And:	And:	Then:	
Shelf-stable caprine (goat) or ovine (sheep) meat in hermetically sealed cans or retorted, flexible pouches	Affected with BSE only	→			REFUSE ENTRY	
	Affected with BSE in combination with FMD	→			REFUSE ENTRY	
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	→			Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	REFER to FSIS
		→			Lacks the CFIA Annex A-2	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then REFUSE ENTRY
	Affected with FMD only	Brazil	Is in hermetically-sealed cans	→		REFER to FSIS
			Is in flexible, retorted pouches	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate ²	REFER to FSIS	
			Lacks the meat inspection certificate ²	REFUSE ENTRY		
		Other than Brazil	Is in hermetically-sealed cans	→		REFER to FSIS
			Is in flexible, retorted packages	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate ³	REFER to FSIS	
				Lacks the meat inspection certificate ³	REFUSE ENTRY	
Free of BSE and FMD	→			REFER to FSIS		

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- 2 A government certificate from Brazil that states the following:
- ◆ All bones have been completely removed in the country of origin; **or** all bones have been completely removed in Brazil (one statement or the other, but **not** both)
 - ◆ This product was hermetically sealed and then cooked via a true retort process to ensure a commercially sterile, shelf-stable product
 - ◆ The ruminant products being imported into the United States were obtained from **one** of the three options below (one statement **only**):
 - ❖ Animals that were born and raised in Brazil and were (a) born after July 3, 1996 when the ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban was decreed; and (b) exclusively grass fed and **not** feed any animal proteins
 - Or**
 - ❖ Animals that were born outside Brazil in countries **not** considered by USDA to be affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or having a significant risk of BSE according to 9CFR§94.18 and were slaughtered in Brazil
 - Or**
 - ❖ Animals that were born, raised, and slaughtered outside of Brazil in countries not considered by USDA to be affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or having a significant risk of BSE according to 9CFR§94.18
- 3 A government certificate declaring:
- ◆ All bones have been completely removed in the country of origin
 - ◆ This product was hermetically sealed and then cooked via a true retort process to ensure a commercially sterile, shelf-stable product

Suet or Products Containing Suet

Suet is derived from cattle and sheep (ovine) **only**. Products which have suet as an ingredient include various puddings (Christmas, holiday, plum, or Yorkshire puddings), and fruit duff.

If suet or product containing suet is derived from bovine cattle, then see [Table 3-12-8](#). If suet or products containing suet are derived from ovine (sheep), then see [Table 3-12-9 on page 3-12-18](#).

Suet or Products Containing Suet Derived from Bovine Cattle

TABLE 3-12-8 Suet or Products Containing Suet Derived from Bovine Cattle

If the suet or product is from:	And the country or region of export is:	And the level of risk for BSE is:	And the importation:	Then:	
Bovine cattle	◆ Affected with BSE	Unassigned	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
		Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	REFER to FSIS	
	◆ Affected with BSE in combination with FMD		Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
		Affected with FMD only		→	Is accompanied by a VS Import Permit
	Free from both BSE and FMD	Free from both BSE and FMD	Free from both BSE and FMD	Lacks the required VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
				→	REFER to FSIS

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Suet or Products Containing Suet Derived from Ovine (Sheep) Ruminant

TABLE 3-12-9 Suet or Products Containing Suet Derived from Ovine (Sheep) Ruminant

If the suet or product is from:	And the country or region of export is:	And the level of risk for BSE is:	And the importation:	Then:
Ovine (sheep)	◆ Affected with BSE	Unassigned	—————→	REFUSE ENTRY
		Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Is accompanied CFIA Annex A-2	REFER to FSIS
	Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) 	
	Affected with FMD only		—————→	Is accompanied by a VS Import Permit
		Lacks the required VS permit		REFUSE ENTRY
Free from both BSE and FMD		—————→	REFER to FSIS	

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Cooked Meat of Ruminants

Cooked, shelf-stable meat in a hermetically sealed can from a country affected with BSE is **prohibited**. To determine the action to take on cooked meat of ruminants, see [Table 3-12-10](#).

TABLE 3-12-10 Cooked Meat of Ruminants

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the country is known to be:	Then:	
Cooked meat of ruminants	Affected with BSE	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	→	GO to Table 3-12-11	
	Free from BSE	Affected with FMD only		GO to Table 3-12-14
		Free from FMD		REFER to FSIS
		Free from FMD with S/R		GO to Table 3-12-12

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Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country Considered to Be at Minimal Risk for BSE

To regulate cooked meat of ruminants from a country considered to be at minimal risk for BSE, see **Table 3-12-11**. Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.

TABLE 3-12-11 Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country at Minimal Risk for BSE

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And is:	And is:	And:	Then:	
Cooked meat of ruminants	Minimal risk for BSE ¹	Cooked bovine meat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bison ◆ Buffalo ◆ Yak 	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE	
				Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	REFUSE ENTRY	
			◆ Cattle	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	REFER to FSIS	
				Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	REFUSE ENTRY	
		Cooked camelid meat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Alpaca ◆ Camel ◆ Llama 	→		RELEASE; unrestricted
		Cooked caprine meat		Goat	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2		REFUSE ENTRY	
		Cooked cervid meat	Caribou, deer, elk, moose, reindeer	→		RELEASE; unrestricted
		Cooked ovine meat		Sheep	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2		REFUSE ENTRY	

¹ Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.


Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR

Review the accompanying documents to verify that a meat inspection certificate is present with the statements cited in 9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4) which are summarized as follows:

- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is **not** permitted to receive animals that originated in, or have ever been in, or that have been aboard a means of conveyance at the time such means of conveyance called at or landed at a port in a region listed in §94.1(a) as a region affected with rinderpest or foot-and-mouth disease
- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is **not** permitted to receive meat or other animal products derived from ruminants or swine which originated in such a FMD affected region, or meat or other animal products from a FMD free region transported through a FMD affected region except in a container sealed with serially-numbered seals of the national government of the non-affected region of origin
- ◆ The meat or other animal product covered by the certificate was derived from animals born and raised in a region listed in §94.1(a)(2) as free of FMD and the meat or other animal product has **never** been in any region in which FMD existed
- ◆ The meat or other animal product has been processed, stored, and transported to the means of conveyance that will bring the article to the United States in a manner to preclude its being commingled or otherwise in contact with meat or other animal products that **do not** comply with the conditions in the certificate

Continue to [Table 3-12-12](#)

TABLE 3-12-12 Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the importation is:	And the certificate:	Then:
Cooked meat of ruminants	Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Has the required certification [9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4)]	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required certification	REFUSE ENTRY
		Not accompanied by a meat inspection certificate		

Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Affected with Only FMD

The following determinations are for boneless, cooked, frozen meat.

Step 1: Insure Movement to APHIS Approved Defrost Facility

Insure movement of meat to an approved defrost facility as follows:

- ◆ Port of arrival **must** be equipped with APHIS approved rapid defrost facilities; see [Figure 3-12-1 on page 3-12-23](#) for a list of ports equipped with rapid defrost facilities which are approved by APHIS
- ◆ Meat **must** be consigned to one of the defrost facilities listed for the port of arrival (where off-loaded from the carrier)
- ◆ Meat **cannot** be transported over land from one port to another; see if the port of arrival and defrost facilities are listed in [Figure 3-12-1](#)



Important

Not all FSIS approved facilities are APHIS approved rapid defrost facilities.

Continue on to [Table 3-12-13 on page 3-12-26](#)

List of APHIS-FSIS Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities with FSIS Approved Pink Juice Test Facilities

Some (but **not** all) of the APHIS-FSIS approved rapid defrost facilities are also FSIS approved pink juice test facilities. The facilities which are approved to conduct the pink juice test are identified in [Figure 3-12-1](#).

State/Territory	Establishment Number	APHIS-FSIS Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities	FSIS-Approved Pink Juice Test Facility	Plant Phone Number	USDA Phone and FAX Numbers
CA	00006 I	Preferred Freezer Services LBF 4901 Bandini Blvd. Vernon, CA 90040	YES	(323) 263-8811	(323) 263-8811 Fax (323) 262-8822
CA	00007 I	Versa Cold 19840 Rancho Way Dominguez Hills, CA 90221	YES	(310) 632-6265	(310) 900-7089 Fax (310)900-7052
CA	00016 I	Versa Cold 1610 Sepulveda Blvd. Carson, CA 90745	YES	(310) 632-6265	(310) 632-6265 x3808 Fax (310) 549-7238
CA	00024 I	Anchor Distribution Services 2950 Merced Street San Leandro, CA 64577	YES	(510) 483-9120	(510) 895-6837
CA	00054 I	Weigh Master Murphy's 1601 W. 12th Street Long Beach, CA 90813	YES	(562) 495-4144	(562) 435-7819 Fax (562) 436-9174

FIGURE 3-12-1 List of Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities

Reference: Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Ruminants
Cooked Meat of Ruminants

State/ Territory	Establishment Number	APHIS-FSIS Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities	FSIS-Approved Pink Juice Test Facility	Plant Phone Number	USDA Phone and FAX Numbers
CA	00107 I	LAS 8336 Garfield Avenue Bell Gardens, CA 90201	YES	(562) 776-5206	(562) 928-0747 Fax (562) 776-1027
CA	00114 I	K Pac 1420 Coil Avenue Wilmington, CA 90744	YES	(310) 518-1000	(310) 518-1000 Fax (310) 518-8865
CA	00255 I	Pacific Transload Systems 737 Bay Street Oakland, CA 94607	YES	(510) 393-5420	(510) 393-3085 Fax (510) 893-8351
CA	00415 I	Dean's Refrigerated Trucking 1600 Donner Avenue San Francisco, CA 94124	YES	(415) 822-4111	(415) 822-0859 Fax (415) 822-7516
CA	00517 I	Preferred Freezer 900 East M Street Wilmington, CA 90744	YES	(310) 518-1800	(310) 518-1800 x3710 Fax (310) 518-1870
CA	00540 I	Dean's Services #2 940 81st Street Oakland, CA 94621	YES	(510) 562-5468	(510) 562-5468 Fax (510) 562-5463
DE	00333 I	Delaware Freezers Inc. 1089 Elkton Road Newark, DE 19711	YES	(302) 738-7150	(302) 738-7650 Fax (302)738-7166
FL	00122 I	Caribbean Cold Storage, Inc. 1505 Dennis Street Jacksonville, FL 33203	YES	(904) 358-0027	(904) 358-0027 Fax (904) 358-0032
FL	00258 I	Babcock & Brown 2625 West 5th Street Jacksonville, FL 32204	YES	(904) 786-8038	(904) 486-6058 Fax (904)265-6864
FL	00277 I	Jacob Fleishman Cold Storage 1177 NW 81st Street Miami, FL 33150	YES	(305) 696-2351	(305) 696-2351 Fax (305) 696-5801
FL	00303 I	Northwestern Meat, Inc. 2100 NW 23rd Street Miami, FL 33142	YES	(305) 633-8112	(305) 633-8112 Fax (305) 633-6907
FL	00339 I	Babcock & Brown US Infrastructure 2701 Talleyrand Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32206	YES	(904) 786-8038	(904) 486-6079 Fax (904) 486-6039
FL	00528 I	United States Cold Storage 11801 NW 102nd Road Medley, FL 33178	YES	(305) 691-5391	(305) 691-5391 Fax (305) 884-9955
GA	00436 I	Savannah Portside Refrigeration 307 N Georgia Gate 1 Garden City, GA 31408	YES	(912) 965-0747	(912) 965-0765 Fax (912) 965-0784
LA	00148 I	Southern Cold Storage Company 7150 S. Choctaw Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70806	YES	(225) 929-66491	(225) 929-6491 Fax (225) 929-6474
MD	00158 I	Merchants Terminal Corp. 7950 Oceano Avenue Jessup, MD 20794	YES	(410) 799-8700	(410) 799-8700 x1217 Fax (410) 799-8707
NJ	00178 I	Port Newark Refrigerated Whse. 125 Tyler Street Newark, NJ 07114	YES	(973) 589-4545	(973) 589-0807 Fax (973) 589-3915
NJ	00180 I	Timberline Cold Storage Inc. 55 Commerce Avenue Pitman, NJ 08071	YES	(856) 589-3130	(856) 256-0917 Fax (856) 589-3332
NJ	00182 I	Mullica Hill Cold Storage 554 Franklinville Road Mullica Hill, NJ 08062	YES	(856) 478-6300	(856) 478-6300 x139 Fax (856) 478-9643

FIGURE 3-12-1 List of Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities (continued)

State/ Territory	Establishment Number	APHIS-FSIS Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities	FSIS-Approved Pink Juice Test Facility	Plant Phone Number	USDA Phone and FAX Numbers
NJ	00191 I	Camden Port Services Inc. 430 North Main Street Woodstown, NJ 08098	YES	(856) 769-4141	(856) 769-2024 Fax (856) 769-1066
NJ	00196 I	Gloucester Terminals, LLC 701 North Broadway Gloucester City, NJ 08030	YES	(856) 742-3142	(856) 742-3119 Fax (856) 742-3176
NJ	00532 I	Preferred Freezer Srvs 360 Avenue P Newark, NJ 07105	YES	(973) 820-4000	(973) 820-4000 x14075
PA	00013 I	Delaware Ave. Enterprises, Inc. 3301 S. Columbus Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19148	YES	(215) 551-2737	(215) 551-2772 Fax (215) 551-2738
PA	00017 I	Preferred Freezers Services 3101 South 3rd Street Philadelphia, PA 19148	YES	(215) 271-5600	(215) 271-5600 x3970 Fax (215) 271-5601
PA	00092 I	Manfredi Cold Storage 290 Chambers Road Kennett Square, PA 19348	YES	(610) 444-5832	(610) 961-3118 Fax (610) 444-3390
PA	00183 I	B. Barks & Sons Inc. 2550-R Grant Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19114	YES	(215) 671-9314	(215) 671-9751 Fax (215) 671-9330
PA	00536 I	Northeast Philadelphia Cold Storage 2701 Red Lion Road Philadelphia, PA 19114	YES	(215) 934-6000	(215) 934-6000 x264 Fax (215) 934-5717
PR	00030 I	F & C & R Investment Corp. Road 175 KM 27.2 Solar # 34 Urb. Industrial Rio Canas Caguas, PR 00725	YES	(787) 783-1988	(787) 653-3727 Fax (787) 782-7033
TX	00005 I	Houston Central Industries, Inc. 7080 Express Lane Houston, TX 77078	YES	(713)491-0444	(713) 491-0444 Fax (713) 491-0123
TX	00015 I	Nocs West Gulf 9223 Highway 225 @ Cut-off La Porte, TX 77571	YES	(282) 930-8002	(282) 930-8002 Fax (281) 930-8135
TX	00020 I	VersaCold 502 North Broadway La Porte, TX 77571	YES	(281) 471-0072	(281) 867-2605 Fax (281) 471-7980
TX	00037 I	Preferred Freezers Services 10060 Porter Road La Porte, TX 77571	YES	(281) 867-4500	(281) 867-4500 Fax (281) 867-4502
WA	00121 I	Scs Refrigerated Services, LLC 2302 Milwaukee Way Tacoma, WA 98421	YES	(206) 272-0900	(206) 272-0900 Fax (253) 333-2198
WA	00148 I	Seafreeze Limited Partnership 206 SW Michigan Street Seattle, WA 98106	YES	(206) 767-7350	(206) 834-9789 Fax (206) 763-6751

FIGURE 3-12-1 List of Approved Rapid Defrost Facilities (continued)

**Step 2: Verify
the Port of
Arrival Is
Equipped With
Approved
Defrost
Facilities**



Importations of cooked, frozen beef (including sample importations) aboard a vessel or aircraft may transit a U.S. port for offloading and inspection at another U.S. port (which becomes the port of arrival) **only** if the importation remains aboard the vessel or aircraft at the first U.S. port.

TABLE 3-12-13 Verify That the Port of Arrival Is Equipped With Approved Defrost Facilities

If the port of arrival:	Then:
Is listed in Figure 3-12-1 as equipped with APHIS approved rapid defrost facilities	CONTINUE in this section
Is not listed in Figure 3-12-1	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI or PPQ-VRS-HQ personnel for further action (see Appendix H)

**Step 3:
 Determine if
 Meat Is from a
 Foreign
 Establishment
 Approved for
 Cooked Beef**

To determine if the importation is from a foreign establishment approved for cooked beef, see [Figure 3-12-2](#). Then continue to [Table 3-12-14](#) on [page 3-12-28](#).

List of Foreign Establishments APHIS Approved for Perishable Cooked Beef

Country	Establishment Number	Establishment Name and Location
Argentina	13	JBS Argentina S.A., Rosario, Santa Fe
	18	Quickfood S.A., Martinez, Buenos Aries
	1311	Friar, S.A., Santa Fe City, Santa Fe
	1352	Frigorifico Lafayette S.A., Alejandro Korn, Buenos Aires
	1373	JBS Argentina S.A., Venado Tuerto, Santa Fe
	1399	Rafaela Alimentos, S.A. I.C., Casilda, Santa Fe
	1920	Frigorifico Rioplatense, Avda de los Constituyentes 2801, General
	1921	Sadowa, S.A., mar del Plata, Buenos Aires
	2062	Finexcor S.R.L., Bernal Oeste, Buenos Aires

FIGURE 3-12-2 List of Foreign Establishments APHIS Approved for Perishable Cooked Beef

Country	Establishment Number	Establishment Name and Location
Brazil	SIF 13 ¹	Ferreira International LTDA, Av. Zoello Sola, 1100, Tres Rios, RJ
	SIF 337	Bertin LTDA, Via De Acesso Lins, Lins, Sao Paola
	SIF 385	JBS Grupo, Bairro Sao Francisco sn Andradina, Sao Paola
	SIF 458	JBS Grupo, Av. Domingos F. de Medeiros sn. Presidente Epitacio, Sao Paola
	SIF 2543	Marfrig Frigorificos E Comercio de Alimentos LTDA, Promissao, Sao Paola
	SIF 2979	JBS Grupo, (Arapuntanga) Av. Hamilton Simioni s/n, Araputanga, MT
Uruguay	2 ²	Establecimientos Colonia S.A., Ruta 22, Tarariras, Colonia ³
	8	Frigorifico Canelones S.A., Calle Pando, Canelones
	12	Frigorifico Tacuarembó S.A., Tacuarembó
	30	Establecimientos Colonia S.A., Fray Bentos

FIGURE 3-12-2 List of Foreign Establishments APHIS Approved for Perishable Cooked Beef

- 1 Number changed; formerly SIF 736.
- 2 Meat cooked in Establishment #2 is shipped from Establishment #8. Continue on to [Table 3-12-3](#). The foreign establishment should be identified in the additional certification on the meat inspection certificate stated in [Table 3-12-14](#).

Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Affected With FMD Only

TABLE 3-12-14 Cooked Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Affected With FMD Only

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	And is:	And the certificate:	And is:	Then:	
Cooked meat of ruminants	Uruguay	—————→				GO to Table 3-12-27	
	Affected with FMD only	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Identified as an IQF product (cooked in plastic tubes)	—————→		GO to Table 3-12-15	
				Not identified as an IQF product	Has the required certification 9CFR 94.4(b)(1)-(2) and the additional certification ¹	From a foreign establishment approved for cooked beef	1. COMPLETE a USDA-PPQ-FSIS Notification for Perishable Cooked Ruminant or Cooked Swine Meat from Restricted Countries ² Sheet 2. AUTHORIZE movement to the defrost facility ³ at the port where the meat is off-loaded (never authorize shipment of the meat to a defrost facility at another port) 3. DO NOT complete VS Form 16-78 since the product is not moving to another port
Lacks the required certification	—————→						

1 A government of origin certificate that declares the following:

- ◆ All bones have been completely removed in the country of origin
- ◆ The meat has been thoroughly cooked in the country of origin

And the certificate **must** additionally state the following:

- ◆ The beef covered by this certificate was thoroughly cooked throughout *[name and establishment number of approved plant]* under the conditions approved by the meat inspection service of *[country of origin]* to prevent contact with uncooked products
- 2 Send this FSIS Notification Sheet by courier to the FSIS defrost facility. Attach a copy of the notification sheet to the import documents and keep the documents on file for 5 years from the date of arrival of the shipment.
- 3 If the facility is **not** located within the port boundaries, then ensure that the container is sealed prior to movement. **Do not** complete Form 16-78.

Cooked Meat of Ruminants Identified as an IQF Product from a Country Known to Be Affected Only With FMD

To regulate cooked meat of ruminants identified as an IQF product (cooked in a plastic tube) from a country known to be affected with FMD only, see [Table 3-12-15](#).

Action to Take Based on Results of the Pink Juice Test

TABLE 3-12-15 Cooked Meat of Ruminants Identified as an IQF Product from a Country Known to Be Affected Only With FMD

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the product:	And is:	Then:
Cooked meat of ruminants identified as an IQF product	Affected with FMD only	Has the required certification 9CFR 94.4(b) and the additional certification ¹	From a foreign establishment approved for cooked beef	1. COMPLETE a USDA-PPQ-FSIS Notification for Perishable Cooked Ruminant or Cooked Swine Meat from Restricted Countries ² Sheet 2. AUTHORIZE movement to the defrost facility ³ at the port where the meat is off-loaded (never authorize shipment of the meat to a defrost facility at another port) 3. DO NOT complete VS Form 16-78 since the product is not moving to another port
			Not from an approved foreign establishment approved for cooked beef	REFUSE ENTRY
		Lacks the required certification	→	

1 A government of origin certificate that declares the following:

This cooked meat produced for export to the United States meets the requirements of Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 94.4(b)

No more than two tubes were randomly selected per batch per cooker for cutting an indicator piece or obtaining a piece containing a TID. The indicator piece or piece containing a TID represents a shipment of *[describe form of processed product, e.g., diced cubes of a particular size]*. A piece containing a TID or a piece 3.8 cm (1.5 in) or larger in each dimension was cut from the cold spot of the tube, and was sealed and marked with the following cooking date, cooker, and batch: *[cooking date]* and the following date of selection of the tube *[date the tube was selected]*. The total number of indicator pieces or pieces containing TID's enclosed in a sealed box is *[number]*

- Send this FSIS Notification Sheet by courier to the FSIS defrost facility. Attach a copy of the notification sheet to the import documents and keep the documents on file for 5 years from the date of arrival of the shipment.
- If the facility is **not** located within the port boundaries, then ensure that the container is sealed prior to movement. **Do not** complete Form 16-78.

Use **Table 3-12-16** to determine the action to take based on the results of the pink juice test.

TABLE 3-12-16 Regulatory Action to Take Based on Pink Juice Test Results

If FSIS notifies you that the product:	Then:
Contains pink juices	REFUSE ENTRY
Does not contain any pink juices	RELEASE

Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants

TABLE 3-12-17 Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And:	Then:	
Cured and dried meat of ruminants ¹	Affected with BSE only		→	GO to Table 3-12-18	
	Minimal risk for BSE ²	Minimal risk for BSE	→	GO to Table 3-12-18	
	Free from BSE	Affected with BSE		→	REFUSE ENTRY
			Free from BSE	Is affected with FMD (regardless of level of risk)	GO to Table 3-12-20
			FMD/SR	GO to Table 3-12-19	
			Free from FMD and has no special requirements	REFER to FSIS	

1 Cooking may be part of the processing for cured and dried meat of ruminants; however, no pink juice test is required for cured and dried meat of ruminants.

2 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.

Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants Arriving from a Country Known to Be Affected with BSE or at Minimal Risk for BSE

To determine how to regulate cured and dried meat¹ of ruminants from a country known to be affected with BSE or at minimal risk for BSE, see [Table 3-12-18](#).

TABLE 3-12-18 Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants Arriving from a Country Known to Be Affected with BSE or at Minimal Risk for BSE

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the ruminant meat is:	And:	Then:
Cured and dried meat of ruminants arriving from a country known to be affected with or at minimal risk for BSE	Affected with BSE ¹	—————→		REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ²	◆ Cattle	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
		◆ Buffalo ◆ Bison ◆ Yak	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE
			Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
			Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	REFER to FSIS
		◆ Caprine (goats) ◆ Ovine (sheep)	Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
	Camelid		—————→	RELEASE; unrestricted
Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose, reindeer)	—————→	RELEASE; unrestricted		

¹ For example, bresaola from Italy or bunderfleisch from Switzerland.

- 1 No processing is allowed in BSE-affected countries.
- 2 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.

Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR

The requirements cited in 9CFR 94.4(a)(1)-(4) were established for processed meat from a country of origin known to be affected with FMD. However, cured and dried meat from a country of origin known to be free from FMD/SR may be certified as being processed according to these requirements and would be allowed entry. For details of the requirements cited in 9CFR 94.4(a)(1)-(4), go to *Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected With Only FMD* on page 3-12-35.

Otherwise, review the accompanying documents to verify that a meat inspection certificate is present with the statements cited in 9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4) which are summarized as follows:

- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is **not** permitted to receive animals that originated in, or have ever been in, or have been aboard a means of conveyance at the time such means of conveyance called at or landed at a port in, a region listed in §94.1(a) as a region affected with rinderpest or FMD
- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is **not** permitted to receive meat or other animal products derived from ruminants or swine which originated in such a FMD affected region, or meat or other animal products from a FMD free region transported through a FMD affected region except in a container sealed with serially-numbered seals of the national government of the non-affected region of origin
- ◆ The meat or other animal product covered by the certificate was derived from animals born and raised in a region listed in §94.1(a)(2) as free of FMD and the meat or other animal product has **never** been in any region in which FMD existed
- ◆ The meat or other animal product has been processed, stored, and transported to the means of conveyance that will bring the article to the United States in a manner to preclude its being commingled or otherwise in contact with meat or other animal products that **do not** comply with the conditions in the certificate

Continue on to [Table 3-12-19](#).

TABLE 3-12-19 Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR

If:	And the country or region of export is:	If the importation is:	And the certificate:	Then:
Cured and dried meat of ruminants	Free from BSE and FMD	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Has the required certification 9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4)	REFER to FSIS
		Not accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Lacks the required certification	REFUSE ENTRY
			→	

Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected With Only FMD


Determine if a foreign meat inspection certificate is present for cured and dried meat of ruminants from a country of origin known to be affected with **only** FMD. This certificate **must** accompany the importation and **must** have been issued by an authorized official of the national government of the country of origin as cited in 9CFR 94.4(a)(4).

The certificate **must** state that the meat has been processed according to the conditions cited in 9CFR 94.4(a)(1)-(3) which are summarized below.

- ◆ All bones were completely removed in the country of origin
- ◆ The meat was held in an unfrozen, fresh condition for at least 3 days immediately following the slaughter of the animals from which it was derived
- ◆ The meat was thoroughly cured and fully dried to the extent that the product is shelf stable **without** refrigeration
- ◆ The meat was dried to the extent that the water-to-protein ratio in the wet-test portion of the product **does not** exceed 2.25 to 1

Continue to [Table 3-12-20](#).

TABLE 3-12-20 Cured and Dried Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Affected with Only FMD

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the importation is:	And the certificate:	Then:
Cured and dried meat of ruminants	Affected with FMD only	Accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Has the required certification ¹	REFER to FSIS
			Lacks the required certification	REFUSE ENTRY
		Not accompanied by a meat inspection certificate		

1 A foreign meat inspection certificate issued by an authorized official of the national government of the country of origin as cited in 9CFR 94.4(a)(4). The certificate **must** state that the meat has been processed according to the conditions cited in 9CFR 94.4(a)(1)-(3) which are summarized below:

- ◆ All bones were completely removed in the country of origin
- ◆ The meat was held in an unfrozen, fresh condition for at least 3 days immediately following the slaughter of the animals from which it was derived
- ◆ The meat was thoroughly cured and fully dried to the extent that the product is shelf stable **without** refrigeration
- ◆ The meat was dried to the extent that the water-to-protein ratio in the wet-test portion of the product **does not** exceed 2.25 to 1

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat of Ruminants

TABLE 3-12-21 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat of Ruminants

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	And the country of origin is:	And the meat is:	And:	Then:
Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat of ruminants	Affected with BSE	→	Japan	Whole cuts of boneless beef from cattle	Is accompanied by the required certification ^{1,2}	REFER to FSIS
					Lacks certification ^{1,2}	REFUSE ENTRY
			Other than whole cuts of boneless beef from cattle	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
				Other than Japan	→	REFUSE ENTRY
	Minimal risk for BSE ³	→	Cattle	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	REFER to FSIS	
				Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) 	

TABLE 3-12-21 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat of Ruminants (continued)

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	And the country of origin is:	And the meat is:	And:	Then:
Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat of ruminants	Minimal risk for BSE ³			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bison ◆ Buffalo ◆ Yak 	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE
					Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Caprine (goats) 	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2	REFER to FSIS
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ovine (sheep) 	Lacks the required CFIA Annex A-2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, then PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Camelid ◆ Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose, reindeer) 		RELEASE; unrestricted

TABLE 3-12-21 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat of Ruminants (continued)

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And:	And the country of origin is:	And the meat is:	And:	Then:
Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat of ruminants	Free from BSE	Free from FMD	—————→			GO to Table 3-12-22
		Free from FMD, but with FMD/SR	—————→			Go to Table 3-12-24
		Affected with FMD	—————→		Is unassigned risk level	REFUSE ENTRY
					Is negligible risk level ⁴	GO to Table 3-12-27

1 Accompanied by an official Japanese Meat Inspection Certificate that certifies to the following conditions:

- ◆ The beef was derived from cattle that were born, raised, and slaughtered in Japan
- ◆ The beef was prepared in an establishment that is eligible to have its products imported to the United States under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 USC 601 esq) and the regulations of 9CFR§327.2 and the beef met all other applicable requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and regulations thereunder (9CFR, chapter III). This includes provisions that specified-risk materials (SRMs) must be removed under appropriate conditions and also prohibits the use of air-injection stunning devices
- ◆ The beef must be derived from cattle that are not subjected to a pithing process at slaughter

The mitigation measures must be certified on an original certificate issued by an authorized veterinary official of the Japanese government. The original certificate is to be provided to FSIS; whereas a copy of the original will be provided to CBP.

2 Because Japan is classified as an FMD-SR (special restrictions) region, the certificate will also need to include the following:

- ◆ The meat or other meat products covered by this certificate was derived from animals which have been slaughtered at the under mentioned establishment [*slaughter establishment name and establishment number*]
- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is not permitted to receive animals that originate in, or have ever been in, or that have been aboard a means of conveyance at the time such means of conveyance called at or landed at a port in a country listed in the regulations of USDA as a county affected with rinderpest or FMD
- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is not permitted to receive meat or other animal products derived from ruminants or swine which originate in such rinderpest or FMD disease affected country or meat or other animal products from a rinderpest or FMD-free country, transported through a rinderpest or FMD-affected country except in containers sealed with serially numbered seals of the National Government of the non-affected country of origin
- ◆ The meat or other animal product covered by this certificate was derived from animals born and raised in Japan and the meat or other animal product has never been in any country listed in the regulation of USDA as a country affected with rinderpest or FMD
- ◆ The meat or other animal product has been processed, stored and transported to the ship or flight described in this certificate in a manner to preclude its being commingled or otherwise in contact with meat or other animal products that do not comply with the conditions contained in this certificate

3 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.

4 Currently **only** Uruguay is at negligible risk for foot-and-mouth disease (FMD).

Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD

Determine if adequate proof of origin is present for fresh meat of ruminants from a country known to be free from BSE and FMD. For example, the importation is accompanied by an official meat inspection certificate, or the packaging labels show the country of origin.

TABLE 3-12-22 Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And there is:	And the importation:	And the meat is:	Then:
Fresh meat of ruminants	Free from both BSE and FMD	Adequate proof of origin ¹	Did not transit a country known to be affected with FMD	◆ Cattle ◆ Goats ◆ Sheep	REFER to FSIS
				Other than listed in the cell immediately above	RELEASE
			Transited a country known to be affected with FMD	→	GO to Table 3-12-23
		No adequate proof of origin	Is a commercial importation	→	REFUSE ENTRY

¹ Documentary evidence of where an animal product comes from. Examples includes meat inspection certificate, certificate of origin, bill of lading, invoice, label, and document on official letterhead prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller.

Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD Which Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with FMD

Review the accompanying documents to verify that a meat inspection certificate is present for fresh meat of ruminants from a country known to be free from BSE and FMD which transited a country known to be affected with FMD. Determine if the importation met the transiting requirements cited in 9CFR§94.1(d)(2)-(5) which are summarized as follows:

- ◆ The meat is placed in the transporting carrier in a hold or compartment which was sealed in the country of origin by an official of that country with serially-numbered seals approved by APHIS²
- ◆ The serial numbers of the seals used to seal the hold or compartment of the transporting carrier are recorded on the foreign meat inspection certificate which accompanies the meat
- ◆ Upon arrival of the carrier in the U.S. port of arrival, you find the seals intact, and there is **no** evidence that the seals were tampered with
- ◆ You find the meat to be as represented on the foreign meat inspection certificate

Continue on to [Table 3-12-23](#).

TABLE 3-12-23 Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD Which Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with FMD

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the meat:	And the transiting requirements are:	Then:
Fresh meat of ruminants	Free from both BSE and FMD	Transited a country known to be affected with FMD	Met	REFER to FSIS
			Not met	REFUSE ENTRY



If the importation is break-bulk cargo, then all seals **must** be checked at the first port of arrival.

² Sealing prevents contact of the meat with any other cargo, prevents handling of the meat after the hold or compartment is sealed, and prevents the loading of any cargo into and the removal of any cargo from the sealed hold or compartment while en route to the United States.

Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR

For fresh meat of ruminants from a country known to be free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR, review the accompanying documents to verify that a meat inspection certificate is present with the statements cited in 9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4) which are summarized as follows:

- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is **not** permitted to receive animals that originated in, or have ever been in, or have been aboard a means of conveyance at the time such means of conveyance called at or landed at a port in a region listed in §94.1(a) as a region affected with rinderpest or FMD
- ◆ The slaughtering establishment is **not** permitted to receive meat or other animal products derived from ruminants or swine which originated in such a FMD affected region, or meat or other animal products from a FMD free region transported through a FMD affected region except in a container sealed with serially-numbered seals of the national government of the non-affected region of origin
- ◆ The meat or other animal product covered by the certificate was derived from animals born and raised in a region listed in §94.1(a)(2) as free of FMD and the meat or other animal product has **never** been in any region in which FMD existed
- ◆ The meat or other animal product has been processed, stored, and transported to the means of conveyance that will bring the article to the United States in a manner to preclude its being commingled or otherwise in contact with meat or other animal products that **do not** comply with the conditions in the certificate

See [Table 3-12-24](#).

TABLE 3-12-24 Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR

If:	And the country or region of export is:	If the importation is:	And the certificate:	Then:
Fresh meat of ruminants	Free from both BSE and FMD, but is FMD/SR	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	Has the required certification [9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4)]	GO to Table 3-12-25
			Lacks the required certification	REFUSE ENTRY
		Not accompanied by a meat inspection certificate	→	

TABLE 3-12-25 Fresh Meat of Ruminants from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR with the Required Certification (9CFR 94.11(c)(1)-(4))

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the importation:	Then:
Fresh meat of ruminants	Free from BSE and FMD, but is FMD/SR	Did not transit a country known to be affected with FMD	REFER to FSIS
		Transited a country known to be affected with FMD	1. REVIEW the meat inspection certificate to determine if the importation met the transiting requirements cited in 9CFR 94.1(c)(2)-(5) which are summarized below 2. CONTINUE on to Table 3-12-26

A summary of the transiting requirements cited in 9CFR 94.1(c)(2)-(5) follows:

- ◆ The meat is placed in the transporting carrier in a hold or compartment which was sealed in the country of origin by an official of that country with serially-numbered seals approved by APHIS³
- ◆ The serial numbers of the seals used to seal the hold or compartment of the transporting carrier are recorded on the foreign meat inspection certificate which accompanies the meat
- ◆ Upon arrival of the carrier in the U.S. port of arrival, you find the seals intact, and there is **no** evidence indicating that the seals were tampered with
- ◆ You find the meat to be as represented on the foreign meat inspection certificate

³ Sealing prevents contact of the meat with any other cargo, prevents handling of the meat after the hold or compartment is sealed, and prevents the loading of any cargo into and the removal of any cargo from the sealed hold or compartment while en route to the United States.

TABLE 3-12-26 Verify Transiting Requirements of Fresh Meat of Ruminant from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE and FMD, but FMD/SR and Meeting Certification Requirements

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And you verify that the transiting requirements are:	Then:
Fresh meat of ruminant	Free from BSE and FMD, but is FMD/SR and meets certification requirements	Met	AUTHORIZE to transit
		Not met	REFUSE ENTRY



If the importation is break-bulk cargo, then all seals **must** be checked at the first port of arrival.

Fresh or Cooked Beef of Ruminant from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE, but at Negligible Risk for FMD

Currently **only** Uruguay is at negligible risk for foot-and-mouth disease (FMD).

TABLE 3-12-27 Fresh or Cooked Beef from a Country Known to Be Free from BSE, but at Negligible Risk for FMD

If:	And the country or region of export is:	And the beef:	And:	And:	Then:
Fresh beef or cooked beef	Free from BSE, but a negligible risk for FMD ¹	Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate ^{2 and 3}	Transited a country known to be affected with FMD	Meets the transit requirements ⁴	REFER to FSIS
				Does not meet the transit requirements ⁴	REFUSE ENTRY
			Did not transit a country known to be affected with FMD	→	REFER to FSIS
		Lacks the appropriate meat inspection certificate ^{2 and 3}	→	REFUSE ENTRY	

1 Currently Uruguay is the **only** country considered to be at negligible risk for FMD.

2 A meat inspection certificate signed by a veterinary official of the Government of Uruguay that certifies the following:

- ◆ The meat is beef from bovines that have been born, raised, and slaughtered in Uruguay
- ◆ Foot-and-mouth disease has **not** been diagnosed in Uruguay within the previous 12 months
- ◆ The beef came from bovines that originated from premises where foot-and-mouth disease has **not** been present during the lifetime of any bovines slaughtered for export of beef to the United States
- ◆ The beef came from bovines that were moved directly from the premises of origin to the slaughtering establishment **without** any contact with other animals
- ◆ The beef came from bovines that received ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspections, paying particular attention to the head and feet at the slaughtering establishment, with **no** evidence found of vesicular disease
- ◆ The beef consists **only** of bovine parts that are by standard practice, part of the animal's carcass that is placed in a chiller for maturation after slaughter. Bovine parts that may **not** be imported include all parts of bovine heads, feet, hump, hooves, and internal organs
- ◆ All bone and visually identifiable blood clots and lymphoid tissue have been removed from the beef
- ◆ The beef came from bovine carcasses that were allowed to mature at 40° to 50° F (4° to 10° C) for a minimum of 36 hours after slaughter and that reached a pH of 5.8 or less in the loin muscle at the end of the maturation period. Measurements for pH **must** be taken at the middle of both longissimus dorsi muscles. Any carcass in which the pH **does not** reach 5.8 or less may be allowed to mature an additional 24 hours and be retested, and if the carcass still has **not** reached a pH of 5.8 or less after 60 hours, the meat from the carcass may **not** be exported to the United States

3 The fresh beef inspection certificate from Uruguay may also be used for cooked beef products from Uruguay. If arriving with the fresh beef certificate, cooked beef from Uruguay **does not** require a pink juice test.

4 If during shipment to the United States, the meat enters a port or otherwise transits a region where FMD exists, then the meat may be imported provided that **all** of the following conditions are met:

- ◆ The meat is placed in the transporting carrier in a hold, compartment, or if the meat is containerized in a container that was sealed in the region of origin by an official of such region, with serially-numbered seals approved by APHIS
- ◆ The serial numbers of the seals used to seal the hold, compartment, or container are recorded on the foreign meat inspection certificate which accompanies the meat
- ◆ Upon arrival of the carrier in the United States port of arrival, the seals are found by an APHIS representative to be intact, and the representative finds that there is **no** evidence indicating that any seal has been tampered with
- ◆ The meat is found by an authorized inspector to be as represented on the foreign meat inspection certificate