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EXPORT OF POULTRY PRODUCT PRODUCED FOR RUSSIA

Export requirements for Russia are published on the FSIS Web site in the Export Library under "Export Requirements for Meat, Poultry & Processed Egg Products." Within the Russia section is a subsection on "Fresh/Frozen Poultry Labeling Requirements," which specifies the labeling, in addition to U.S. Domestic labeling requirements that must be placed on cartons of product intended for export to Russia. For example, under Russian requirements, each carton of poultry product for export to Russia must bear a label in Russian that says: "Product of USA for Export to Russia." The purpose of this language is to make clear that the poultry products within the carton have been processed under conditions that meet Russian import requirements. It does not say, nor is it intended to mean, that the carton of poultry may be exported only to Russia.

Consequently, inspection program personnel may issue original or replacement export certification documents for the export of products that bear the Russia statement to countries other than Russia. Products that bear the Russia statement may be exported to:

- A. Russia, provided all pertinent Export Library requirements for poultry to Russia have been met; or
- B. Any other country, provided all pertinent Export Library requirements to export poultry to that country have been met. Before signing the certificates, inspection program personnel are to request written assurance from the exporter that product labeled "Product of USA for Export to Russia" will be accepted by the other country.

Refer questions to the Office of International Affairs at 1-800-233-3935 and press 4.

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