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SUBJECT: Implementation: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities from Canada

Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

TO: Brokers, Importers, and Other Interested Parties

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

On September 18, 2007, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published a final rule in the *Federal Register* to amend the regulations regarding the importation of animals and animal products from regions that present a minimal risk of introducing and establishing bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States via live ruminants and ruminant products. The rule (in title 9 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, parts 94, 95, and 96) removes the requirement that bovine products from minimal-risk regions be derived from animals under 30 months of age, and adds regulations concerning the importation of bovine casings (defined as intestines, stomachs, esophagi, and urinary bladders that are used to encase processed meats in foods such as sausage) and blood and blood products from minimal-risk regions. The effective date of the final rule is November 19, 2007.

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A. Effective November 19, 2007, the following ruminant products may be imported into the United States from Canada without an import permit under the prescribed conditions:

1. Beef (including veal) or bison meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products as defined by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations in title 9 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) section 301.2, when accompanied by the required Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) veterinary health export certificate certifying that the products:
 - a. Were derived from animals that were subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 589.2000);
 - b. Were derived from animals for which air-injected stunning was not used at slaughter;
 - c. Do not contain specified risk materials (SRMs) as defined by FSIS regulations (9 CFR parts 301, 309, et al.).

Establishments wishing to export to the United States must also comply with the following FSIS requirements that the meat, meat food, or meat by-products:

- a. Do not contain mechanically separated bovine meat;
 - b. Do not contain product from an advanced meat recovery system in which SRMs were used; and
 - c. Are derived from animals that have been determined to be fit for slaughter (i.e., were not nonambulatory disabled).
2. Whole or half carcasses of beef (including veal) or bison when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate certifying that the

conditions specified in item 1 above have been met and that the carcasses are from CFIA establishments that meet FSIS requirements, also specified in item 1.

3. Bovine casings when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate.
4. Sheep or goat meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products as defined by FSIS regulations in 9 CFR 301.2, when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate certifying that the products:
 - a. Were derived from animals slaughtered at a CFIA-inspected establishment that either slaughters only ovine and caprine species less than 12 months of age or operates in compliance with a segregation program approved by the CFIA and the Administrator as adequate to prevent contamination or commingling of the meat with products not eligible for importation into the United States;
 - b. Were derived from animals that were less than 12 months of age when slaughtered;
 - c. Were derived from animals that did not test positive for or were not suspect for a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy;
 - d. Were derived from animals that have not resided in a flock or herd that has been diagnosed with BSE; and
 - e. Were derived from animals not subject to movement restrictions within Canada as a result of exposure to a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy or that the product is derived from ovine or caprine meat products legally imported in Canada from the United States or from a region not considered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to be affected with or at risk for BSE.
5. Carcasses of sheep or goats from animals that were less than 12 months of age when slaughtered and accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate certifying that the conditions specified in item 4 have been met.
6. Cervid meat, including hunter harvested cervid meat (e.g., deer, moose, elk, caribou, etc.), when importers present to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer evidence that the product is cervid meat, such as a hunting license or commercially prepared labels found on unopened packages or other official documents.
7. Hunter-harvested wild ruminant (noncervid) meat or dressed carcasses (eviscerated and head removed) such as wild sheep, goats, or bison/buffalo, when the hunter shows to CBP officers a hunting license, tag, or equivalent.

8. Bone-derived bovine gelatin when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate.
9. Tallow derived from bovines when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate certifying that it contains less than 0.15 percent insoluble impurities.
10. Sheep casings from sheep under 12 months of age when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export casings certificate.
11. Offal derived from cattle or bison, offal derived from sheep or goats under 12 months of age, or offal derived from cervidae when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate.
12. Food products containing relatively small amounts of ruminant ingredients (e.g., 2 percent or less cooked bovine meat or 3 percent or less raw bovine meat) for commercial use when accompanied by the required CFIA veterinary health export certificate. Examples of such products are prepared foods that are not regulated by FSIS and that contain bovine extracts, such as flavored noodles, soup products, and bouillon.

All products identified in items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 above that clear CBP at designated ports of entry must proceed to an official FSIS import establishment (listed below in section E) for reinspection. All shipments presented to FSIS for reinspection must include complete Customs Entry Numbers for an inspection assignment to be generated.

Beginning November 19, 2007, the conditions prescribed in the final rule will take effect. Those commodities listed above (excluding cervid and hunter-harvested ruminant meat) will be required to be accompanied by a CFIA certificate and presented to a CBP Agricultural Inspector Specialist at the ports of entry listed under section D.

B. An import permit (VS Form 16-6) will be required for the following products:

1. Bovine blood and blood products.
2. Ruminant products transiting the United States from Canada. Ruminant products transiting the United States must meet all USDA import requirements.
3. Pet food that contains animal products.
4. Animal feed that contains animal products.

5. Ruminant hide-derived gelatin limited to human or industrial use.

C. The following products continue to be prohibited:

1. Personal-use amounts of lamb and goat meat, unless meeting the conditions in section A, item 4.
2. Pet food derived from or containing lamb or goat products in passenger baggage and groceries.

D. The following ports of entry must be used for shipments requiring CFIA certification. Shipments must arrive at the port of entry during the listed hours of operation (when a CBP Agricultural Inspector Specialist is available):

<u>PORT</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
IDAHO			
Eastport	7 days	0800-1600	208-267-3966
MAINE			
Calais	M,Tu,W,Th F,Sat Sunday	0800-2400 0800-1600 1400-2200	207-454-3621
Houlton	M-F	0800-1600	207-532-5902
MICHIGAN			
Detroit	M-F Sat,Sun	0800-1800 0800-1600	313-226-3139
Port Huron	M-F Sat,Sun	0800-1600 1000-1600	810-985-6126
Sault St. Marie	M-F	0800-1600	906-632-2631
MINNESOTA			
International Falls	Tu-Sat	1000-1800	218-283-2541
MONTANA			
Raymond	M-F	0800-1600	406-895-2664/2620
Roosville	M,W,Th,F,S	0900-1700	406-889-3865
Sweetgrass	7 days	0800-1600	406-335-2282
NEW YORK			
Champlain	M-F Sun	0800-2400 1600-2400	518-298-7218

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Alexandria Bay Buffalo	M-F	0700-1500	315-482-3857 ext. 294 716-884-5701
Lewiston	M-F	0800-2400	716-282-1400 option 6
Peace Bridge	M-F	0800-2400	716-881-4447 ext.126
Rainbow Bridge	Call for appointment		716-284-5174 ext. 335
NORTH DAKOTA			
Pembina	M-F	0800-1600	701-825-6551 ext.239
Portal	M-F	0900-1700	701-926-2027/4241
VERMONT			
Derby Line	M,Tu,W,Th	0800-2000	802-873-3489/
	Friday	0800-1600	802-873-3219
	Sunday	1400-2200	
Highgate Springs	M-F	0800-2000	802-868-2778
	Sunday	1200-2000	802-868-9936(Ag)
WASHINGTON			
Blaine	M-F (cargo)	0700-2400	360-332-1640/2351
	7 days (passenger)	0800-2200	
Lynden	7 days	0800-1700	360-318-1587
Sumas	7 days	0800-1700	360-988-2971
Oroville	7 days	0700-1700	509-476-2955

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E. FSIS Import Re-inspection Establishments

I House #	Name & Address	Phone & Fax Numbers	Hours of Operation	Product Description	Rails
Port of Buffalo, NY					
00022 I	Canadian Meat Inspection 2221 Kenmore Avenue Suite 104 Buffalo, NY 14207	Phone 716-875-3083 Fax 716-873-2761	Monday-Friday 0900-1800	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat	No
00117 I	A. N. Deringer 4525 Witmer Industrial Estates Niagra Falls, NY 14306	Phone 716-297-3075 Fax 716-297-7276	Monday-Friday 0900-1800	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat	No
00161 I	Holley Cold Storage 16677 Holley Road, Box 359 Holley, NY 14470	Phone 585-638-9393 Fax 585-638-6730	Appointment Only	Eggs	No
00422 I	Piatowski's Meat 7968 Ridge Road Gasport, NY 14067	Phone 716-772-5350 Fax 716-772-2963	Monday-Friday 0900-1800	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Cans, Carcasses	Yes
Port of Sweetgrass, MT					
00047 I	A. N. Deringer, Inc 1st & Griffith Street Sweetgrass, MT 59484	Phone 406-335-2345 Fax 406-335-2344	Tuesday-Saturday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Cans, Carcasses Ready to Eat	Yes
00264 I	U.S. Import Meat Insp. Station 1st and Loop Road Sweetgrass, MT 59484	Phone 406-335-2985 Fax 406-335-2983	Tuesday-Saturday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Carcasses	Yes
Port of Detroit, MI					
00090 I	Artic Cold Storage 4360 S. Haggerty Road Canton, MI 48188	Phone 734-397-8800 Fax 734-397-9893	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Cans, Carcasses Ready to Eat	Yes
00265 I	Freezer Services 8350 St. Aubin Hamtramck, MI 48212	Phone 313-871-5142 Fax 313-871-7060	Monday-Friday 0700-1530	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Cans, Carcasses	Yes

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00425 I	Santemp 1532 Adelaide Detroit, MI 48207	Phone 313-259-4645 Fax 313-259-1580	Monday-Friday 0700-1530	Fresh/Frozen RTE Carcasses Cans	Yes
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27373 I	Mirab USA 21655 Trolley Industrial Drive Taylor, MI 48180	Phone 313-292-2437 Fax 313-292-6736	Monday-Friday 0700-1530	Ready to Eat	No
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Port of Pembina, ND

00154 I	Norman G Jenson, Inc 421 South 5th Street Pembina, ND 58271	Phone 701-825-6828 Fax 701-825-6286	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh Frozen	No
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00275 I	UPS Supply Chain Solutions 222 South 5th Street Pembina, ND 58271	Phone 701-825-6915 Fax 701-825-6226	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Carcasses Cans	Yes
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Port of Eastport, ID

00103 I	Northland Woods Insp. Depot County Road 30A-1 Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	Phone 208-267-8307 Fax 208-267-7728	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Cans Carcasses	Yes
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00253 I	Frontier Trading Corp Highway 95 North Eastport, ID 83826	Phone 208-267-2313 Fax 208-267-5448	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Rady to Eat Carcasses Cans	Yes
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Port of Portal, ND

00056 I	UPS Supply Chain Solutions 10 Crosby Street Portal, ND 58772	Phone 701-926-4003 Fax 701-926-2011	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Carcasses	Yes
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Port of Champlain, NY

00271 I	A. N. Deringer, Inc 178 W. Service Road Champlain, NY 12919	Phone 313-871-5142 Fax 313-871-7060	Monday-Friday 1st Shift 0800-1630 2nd Shift 1400-0030	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Carcasses Cans	Yes
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**Port of Derby Line and Highgate
Springs, VT**

00408 I	Sunhill Food of Vermont 14 Jonergin Drive Swanton, VT 05488	Phone 802-868-7314 Fax 802-868-3264	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen	No
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Port of Blaine, WA

00207 I	T. C Trading Company, Inc 1750 Grant Avenue Blaine, WA 98230	Phone 360-332-5656 Fax 360-332-5657	0600-1430	Eggs Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat Cans	No
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Import houses where product is transported under seal from customs

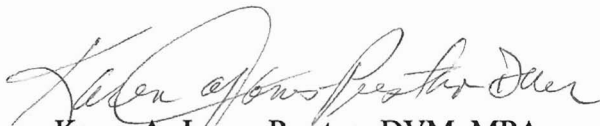
00009 I	Wilmington Cold Storage 2 Industrial Way Wilmington, MA 01887	Phone 617-935-8670 Fax 508-657-6347	M-F 0700-1530	Fresh/Frozen	No
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*Product transported from the Port of Houlton, ME, under seal

00126 I	Therault's Abattoir Inc P.O. Box 314, Hamlin Road Hamlin, ME 04785	Phone 207-868-3344 Fax 207-868-2866	Monday-Friday 0800-1630	Fresh/Frozen Ready to Eat	No
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If you have further questions about Canadian ruminant products and their eligibility for importation into the United States or their certification requirements, please contact the National Center for Import and Export at (301)734-3277.



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