



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Food Safety
and Inspection
Service

Washington, D.C.
20250

**Letterhead Certificate for Bone-in Beef and Bone-in Beef Products
Intended for Export to Mexico**

Date Issued: _____ Certificate Number: _____

1. The product is of U.S. origin from plants approved by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food.
2. The animals from which the product was obtained were slaughtered in installations authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are dedicated exclusively to the slaughter of animals under the age of 30 months or that the plant has acceptable procedures for complete segregation that permits the official from USDA to identify and select the products to be exported.
3. The product was obtained from animals of less than 30 months of age, determined by means of records that demonstrate the age or through the postmortem inspection in which it must be verified that the animals from which the product was obtained have two incisive permanent teeth or less.
4. In the country of origin of the product there exists animal health regulations in force that prohibit the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal and greaves of ruminant origin.
5. The animals from which the product was obtained were not stunned before slaughtering by means of compressed air or gas injection in the cranial cavity or cutting of the spinal cord (by laceration of the central nervous tissue by means of introducing a sharp cutting instrument into the cranial cavity).
6. From the slaughtered bovines from where the product was obtained, the risk materials (brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull, tonsils and small intestine) were eliminated.
7. The spinal cord was eliminated from the carcass employing a method approved by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).
8. The product to be exported does not contain meat (trimmings), meat from advanced meat recovery, mechanically separated meat nor ground meat.
9. The product is fit for human consumption.
10. The product comes from ruminants slaughtered after February 1, 2006.

Signature of FSIS Inspection Official: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Professional Degree: _____