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Food Safety
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**Letterhead Certificate for Prepared Beef Products (Bovine/Ovine)
Intended for Export to Mexico**

Date Issued _____ **Certificate Number** _____

1. The raw material of animal origin and the product are of origin from the country indicated in this document.
2. The product is approved for human consumption.
3. The product was processed at an establishment under official control.
4. In the country of origin of the product there exist animal health regulations in force that prohibit the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal or greaves of ruminant origin.
5. The animals from which the product was obtained were slaughtered in installations authorized by the Department of Agriculture of the United States (USDA) and are dedicated exclusively to the slaughter of bovines under the age of 30 months and ovine under the age of 12 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.
6. The product was obtained from bovines less than 30 months of age and ovine under the age of 12 months, 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.
7. The animals from which the product was obtained were not stunned by means of gas injection in the cranium cavity, or cutting of the spinal cord by laceration of the central nervous tissue, by means of introducing a sharp cutting instrument in the cranium cavity.
8. The slaughtered ruminants from which the product was obtained, the specific risk materials (tonsils and small intestine) were eliminated.
9. The raw materials of ruminant origin used in the elaboration of the products do not correspond to specific risk materials (tonsils and small intestine).
10. No meat obtained from advanced meat recovery nor mechanically separated nor ground meat was employed in the elaboration of the product to be exported.
11. The meat used in the elaboration of the product comes from ruminants slaughtered on or after March 5, 2004.

Signature of FSIS Inspection Official _____

Printed Name _____

Title/Professional Degree _____