



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Food Safety
and Inspection
Service

Washington, D.C.
20250

**Letterhead Certificate for Offal Products (Lips, Diaphragm, Tongue, and/or Cheek Meat)
Intended for Export to Mexico**

Date Issued _____ **Certificate Number** _____

1. The product is of U.S. origin or legally imported from Australia or New Zealand 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 Department of Agriculture of the United States (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 less than 30 months of age, determined by means of records that demonstrate the age or through the post-mortem inspection in which it must be verified that the animals from which the product was obtained have two incisive permanent teeth or less.
4. That 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 with greaves of ruminant origin.
5. The animals from which the product was obtained were not stunned by means of 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 in the cranial cavity.
6. The product to be exported does not contain meat trimmings, meat from advanced meat recovery, mechanically separated meat and ground meat.
7. The tonsils were removed from the animals at the moment of slaughter (for tongue only).

Signature of FSIS Inspection Official _____

Printed Name _____

Title/Professional Degree _____