



United States
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Food Safety
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**Letterhead Certificate for Sheep Meat, Carcass and Viscera
Intended for Export to Mexico**

Date Issued _____ **Certificate Number** _____

1. The product is from the country of origin indicated in this document.
2. The product comes from healthy animals inspected ante and post mortem in establishments under official control.
3. 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.
4. 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 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.
5. The product was obtained from animals less than 12 months of age, determined by means of records that demonstrate the age or through the post mortem inspection where the absence of permanent incisive teeth was verified.
6. The product originated from animals that have not been stunned by means of gas injection into the cranial cavity or by cutting of the spinal cord (by laceration of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity).
7. The product to be exported does not include meat trimmings, meat from advanced meat recovery, mechanically separated meat and ground meat.
8. The meat contains no visible nervous or lymphatic tissue.

Signature of FSIS Inspection Official _____

Printed Name _____

Title/Professional Degree _____