

that died otherwise than by slaughter, which are transported in commerce or imported by any such person: *Provided*, That any such dead, dying, disabled, or diseased poultry, or parts of carcasses may be unloaded from a means of conveyance en route where necessary in case of a wreck or otherwise extraordinary emergency, and may be reloaded into another means of conveyance; but in all such cases, the carrier shall immediately report the facts by telegraph or telephone to the Director, Compliance Staff, Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

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Subpart T—Imported Poultry Products

§ 381.195 Definitions; requirements for importation into the United States.

(a) When used in this part, the following terms shall be construed to mean:

(1) *Import (Imported)*. To bring within the territorial limits of the United States whether that arrival is accomplished by land, air, or water.

(2) For product from eligible countries other than Canada:

(i) *Offer(ed) for entry*. The point at which the importer presents the imported product to the Program for reinspection.

(ii) *Entry (entered)*. The point at which imported product offered for entry receives reinspection and is marked with the official mark of inspection in accordance with § 327.26 of this part.

(3) For product from Canada:

(i) *Offer(ed) for entry* from establishments participating in the “streamlined” inspection procedures. The point at which an official of the Canadian inspection system contacts the Import Field Office for an inspection assignment.

(ii) *Offer(ed) for entry* from non-participating establishments. The point at which the importer presents the imported product to the Program for reinspection.

(iii) *Entry (entered)* for product not subject to reinspection. When the con-

tainers or the products themselves if not in containers are marked with the Canadian export stamp and upon the filing of Customs Form 7533 at the port of entry or at the nearest customs-house in accordance with 19 CFR part 123.

(iv) *Entry (entered)* for product subject to reinspection. When the containers or the products themselves if not in containers are marked with the Canadian export stamp and the foreign inspection certificate accompanying the product is stamped as “Inspected and Passed” by the import inspector.

(b) No slaughtered poultry, or parts or products thereof, shall be imported into the United States unless they are healthful, wholesome, fit for human food, not adulterated, and contain no dye, chemical, preservative, or ingredient which renders them unhealthful, unwholesome, adulterated, or unfit for human food and they also comply with the regulations prescribed in this subpart to assure that they comply with the standards provided for in the Act: *Provided*, That the provisions of this subpart apply to such articles only if they are capable of use as human food.

(c) Except as provided in § 381.207, slaughtered poultry and other poultry products may be imported only if they were processed solely in countries listed in § 381.196(b). Slaughtered poultry may be imported only if it qualifies as ready-to-cook poultry.

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§ 381.196 Eligibility of foreign countries for importation of poultry products into the United States.

(a)(1) Whenever it shall be determined by the Administrator that the system of poultry inspection maintained by any foreign country, with respect to establishments preparing products in such country for export to the United States, insures compliance of such establishments and their poultry products, with requirements equivalent to all the provisions of the Act and the regulations in this part which are applied to official establishments in the United States, and their poultry products, and that reliance can be placed upon certificates required under this

subpart from authorities of such foreign country, notice of that fact will be given by including the name of such foreign country in paragraph (b) of this section. Thereafter, poultry products processed in such establishments which are certified and approved in accordance with paragraph (a)(3) of this section shall be eligible, so far as the regulations in this part are concerned, for importation into the United States from such foreign country after applicable requirements of this part have been met.

(2) The determination of acceptability of a foreign poultry inspection system for purposes of this section shall be based on an evaluation of the foreign program in accordance with the following requirements and procedures:

(i) The system shall have a program organized and administered by the national government of the foreign country. The system as implemented must provide standards equivalent to those of the Federal system of poultry inspection in the United States with respect to:

(A) Organizational structure and staffing, so as to insure uniform enforcement of the requisite laws and regulations in all establishments throughout the system at which poultry products are processed for export to the United States;

(B) Ultimate control and supervision by the national government over the official activities of all employees or licensees of the system;

(C) The assignment of competent, qualified inspectors;

(D) Authority and responsibility of national inspection officials to enforce the requisite laws and regulations governing poultry inspection and to certify or refuse to certify poultry products intended for export;

(E) Adequate administrative and technical support;

(F) The inspection, sanitation, quality, species verification, and residue standards applied to products produced in the United States.

(G) Other requirements of adequate inspection service as required by the regulations.

(ii) The legal authority for the system and the regulations thereunder shall impose requirements equivalent

to those governing the system of poultry inspection organized and maintained in the United States with respect to:

(A) Ante mortem inspection of poultry for slaughter, which shall be performed by veterinarians or by other employees or licensees of the system under the direct supervision of veterinarians;

(B) Post mortem inspection of carcasses and parts thereof at time of slaughter, performed by veterinarians or other employees or licensees of the system under the direct supervision of veterinarians;

(C) Official controls by the national government over establishment construction, facilities, and equipment;

(D) Direct and continuous official supervision of slaughtering of poultry and processing of poultry products, by the assignment of inspectors to establishments certified under paragraph (a)(3) of this section to assure that adulterated or misbranded poultry products are not processed for export to the United States;

(E) Complete separation of establishments certified under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph from establishments not certified, and the maintenance of a single standard of inspection and sanitation throughout all certified establishments;

(F) Requirements for sanitation at certified establishments and for sanitary handling of poultry products;

(G) Official controls over condemned material until destroyed or removed and thereafter excluded from the establishment;

(H) A Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system, as set forth in part 417 of this chapter.

(I) Other matters for which requirements are contained in the Act or the regulations in this part.

(iii) Countries desiring to establish eligibility for importation of poultry products into the United States may request a determination of eligibility by presenting copies of the laws and regulations on which the foreign poultry inspection system is based and such other information as the Administrator may require with respect to matters enumerated in paragraphs

(a)(2) (i) and (ii). Determination of eligibility is based on a study of the documents and other information presented and an initial review of the system in operation by a representative of the Department using the criteria listed in paragraphs (a)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section. Maintenance of eligibility of a country for importation of poultry products into the United States depends on the results of periodic reviews of the foreign poultry inspection system in operation by a representative of the Department, and the timely submission of such documents and other information related to the conduct of the foreign inspection system as the Administrator may find pertinent to and necessary for the determinations required by this section.

(iv) The foreign inspection system must maintain a program to assure that the requirements referred to in this section, equivalent to those applicable to the Federal system in the United States, are being met. The program as implemented must provide for the following:

(A) Periodic supervisory visits by a representative of the foreign inspection system to each establishment certified in accordance with paragraph (a)(3) of this section to ensure that requirements referred to in paragraphs (a)(2)(ii)(A) through (H) of this section are being met: Provided, That such visits are not required with respect to any establishment during a period when the establishment is not operating or is not engaged in producing products for exportation to the United States;

(B) Written reports prepared by the representative of the foreign inspection system who has conducted a supervisory visit, documenting his or her findings with respect to the requirements referred to in paragraphs (a)(2)(ii)(A) through (a)(2)(ii)(H) of this section, copies of which shall be made available to the representative of the Department at the time of the representative's review upon request by that representative to a responsible foreign inspection official: *Provided*, that such reports are not required during a period when the establishment is not operating or not engaged in producing products for exportation to the United States.

(C) Random sampling and testing at the point of slaughter of carcasses, including internal organs and fat, for residues identified by the exporting country's inspection authorities or by this Agency as potential contaminants, in accordance with sampling and analytical techniques approved by the Administrator: *Provided*, that such testing is required only on samples taken of carcasses from which poultry or poultry products intended for importation into the United States are produced.

(3) Only those establishments that are determined and certified to the Department by a responsible official of the foreign poultry inspection system as fully meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section are eligible to have their products imported into the United States. Eligibility of certified establishments is subject to review by the Department (including observations of the establishments by Program representatives at times prearranged with the officials of the foreign inspection system). Certifications of establishments must be renewed annually. Notwithstanding certification by a foreign official, the Administrator may, at his discretion, terminate the eligibility of any foreign establishment for importation of its poultry products into the United States if he has information that such establishment does not comply with the requirements listed in paragraphs (a)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section or if he cannot obtain current information concerning such establishment. The Administrator will provide reasonable notice to the foreign government of the proposed termination of eligibility of any foreign establishment for importation of its poultry products into the United States unless, in his judgment, delay in terminating its eligibility could result in the importation of any adulterated or misbranded poultry products. Certifications of official establishments by the responsible official of the foreign poultry inspection system shall be in the following form:

FOREIGN OFFICIAL POULTRY ESTABLISHMENT
CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the establishment(s) listed below fully complies (comply) with requirements of (specify foreign country)

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equivalent to all the provisions of the Poultry Products Inspection Act and regulations issued thereunder, which apply to official establishments in the United States, and their poultry products, as provided in § 381.196(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of the poultry products inspection regulations of the United States.

France.
Great Britain.
Hong Kong.
Israel.
Mexico.²
New Zealand (ratites only).
People's Republic of China.²

Control numbers _____ Name _____
Address _____

Date _____

(Signature)

(Official title)

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(4) Poultry products from foreign countries not listed in paragraph (b) of this section are not eligible for importation into the United States, except as provided by §§ 381.207 and 381.209. The listing of any foreign country under this section may be withdrawn whenever it shall be determined by the Administrator that the system of poultry inspection maintained by such foreign country does not assure compliance with requirements equivalent to all the requirements of the Act and the regulations as applied to official establishments in the United States; or that reliance cannot be placed upon certificates required under this subpart from authorities of such foreign country; or that, for lack of current information concerning the system of poultry inspection being maintained by such foreign country, such foreign country should be required to reestablish its eligibility for listing.

(a) Except as provided in §§ 381.207 and 381.209, each consignment containing any slaughtered poultry or other poultry product consigned to the United States from a foreign country shall be accompanied with a foreign inspection certificate substantially in the form illustrated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The form of foreign poultry product inspection certificate shall be as follows:

FOREIGN POULTRY PRODUCT INSPECTION
CERTIFICATE
Place _____
(City)

(Country)
Date _____

(b) It has been determined that poultry products from the following countries, covered by foreign poultry inspection certificates of the country of origin as required by § 381.197, are eligible under the regulations in this subpart for entry into the United States, after inspection and marking as required by the applicable provisions of this subpart:¹

I hereby certify that the poultry products herein described were derived from poultry which received ante mortem and post mortem inspections at the time of slaughter; and that such poultry products are sound, healthful, wholesome, clean and otherwise fit for human food, and are not adulterated and have not been treated with and do not contain any dye, chemical, preservative, or ingredient not permitted by the regulations governing the inspection of poultry and poultry products of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, filed with me, and that said poultry products have been handled only in a sanitary manner in this country; and are otherwise in compliance with requirements at least equal to those in the Poultry Products Inspection Act and said regulations.

Australia (ratites only).
Canada.

¹Listing of any country in this section does not relieve the poultry products of such country from applicable requirements under other Federal laws.

²May export to the United States only processed poultry products slaughtered under Federal inspection in the United States or in a country eligible to export slaughtered poultry products to the United States.