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Approved Lists of Animal Product Establishments 2005

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Report Highlights:

This report provides the links to the lists of U.S. animal product establishments that are eligible to ship to the European Union. All FSIS maintained lists were updated at the end of last year. This includes the lists for red meat, meat products, wild and farmed game, ratite meat and animal casings. Furthermore, the Commission confirmed in writing that the path has been cleared for the restoration of FSIS's listing authority, allowing for new plants to be added to these lists.

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EC Regulations require that establishments desiring to export meat and meat products to the EU be listed on a EU list of export eligible establishments. As part of this process the Commission's Food and Veterinary office (FVO) conducted an inspection of the US meat sector in September of 2003. As a result of this inspection, the Commission concluded that there were deficiencies in the US meat system and suspended the US' ability to add additional plants to the export-eligible list. This especially affected US exports to new member states such as Poland.

Background to the Certification/Listing Process

The European Community has harmonized the legislation on imports of animal products. This is a three-layer process.

It starts with the recognition of a country to export a certain animal product. The U.S. is recognized by the EU for all animal products.

In a second stage, lists of EU approved establishments are drawn up in recognized countries. For several products, the EU has approved lists of establishments submitted by U.S. government agencies. The agencies involved in listing are the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These agencies have to guarantee that the establishments on the list meet EU requirements.

The EU approval process is laid out in Regulation 95/408/EC and takes a minimum of 22 working days.

The third level is the requirement that all shipments be accompanied by the relevant health certificates signed by U.S. officials to guarantee that individual shipments of products meet Community requirements.

All lists of U.S. animal product establishments that have received EU approval can be accessed from our website at <http://www.useu.be/agri/estab.html>

- [Bovine Embryos](#)
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