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SAG's Import Inspection - Beef and Beef Products

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Report Highlights:

Imports and certifications procedure implemented by the Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) of the Ministry of Agriculture get ISO 9001 certification. Under this new certification, inspectors have little room for discretionary decisions and full enforcement of the law is required.

Executive Summary:

Following a modernization of all services I the Livestock and Agricultural Service (SAG)of the Ministry of Agriculture , in June 2013 SAG was accredited and certified under ISO 9001 on a Quality Assurance System. The so called IMPORT INSPECTION CONTROL that covers plants, animal products, agricultural supplies, and all products regulated by SAG instructs officials to a strict compliance with the import regulations. Therefore, any deviation from the norm is almost impossible.

The regulations have not changed but from now, the inspectors have little room for arbitrary decision, the ISO certification obligates the inspectors to follow and enforce present regulations, a process that is standard to all trading partners.

For beef products the complete enforcement of the Meat Law is required.

The document inspection:

- If the certificate does not contain the grading, or the grading is illegible or was amended or is incomplete SAG gives five days to correct the certificate, this allows U.S. exporters to obtain a in lieu certificate from FSIS.

Things that SAG cannot longer allow when dealing with bovine beef on the in situ inspection.

- Re- label boxes or individual packages after arriving to Chile.
- If four or more boxes of the sample taken for inspection have any of following mistakes the shipment will be rejected:
 - The label does not contain all the information required (see FSIS Export Library).
 - The cut is mislabel (the name of the cut on the label does not correspond to the cut).
 - The label on the boxes does not correspond to the labels on the cuts.