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**Exports** 

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## **Report Highlights:**

On August 28, 2021, the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA) began accepting the new Export Certificate model for U.S. exports of beef, beef products, and bovine offal into Brazil. The certificate is finalized after 18 months of negotiations. MAPA also granted a 60-day transition period between old and new dairy certificates effective until October 29, 2021. During the transition period, both the old and the new certificate models will be accepted. U.S. beef exports to Brazil in 2020 totaled \$1.14 million. The new Certificate model provides the needed assurances that trade will not be interrupted.

On August 28, 2021, the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA) began accepting the new Export Certificate model for U.S. beef, beef products, and bovine offal into Brazil. The new beef export certificate was originally published on June 28, 2021. The export certificate is finalized after 18 months negotiations, which included multiple technical meetings and exchanges of correspondence between the USDA and MAPA. The certificate may be found on the GoB website: <a href="http://sistemasweb.agricultura.gov.br/sisrec/manterDocumento.action">http://sistemasweb.agricultura.gov.br/sisrec/manterDocumento.action</a>

On the U.S. side, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has published the new certificate in the export library: <a href="https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/import-export-library/brazil">https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/import-export-library/brazil</a>

In an official letter received by FAS/Brasilia on August 30, MAPA granted an additional 60-day transition period between old and new beef certificates effective from that date. During the transition period, both the old and the new certificate models will be accepted, so as not to disrupt trade. The transition period ends on October 29, 2021, from which point only the new certificate model will be accepted by the Brazilian authorities for U.S. beef, beef products, and bovine offal. The certificate is required for exports and is verified at the ports of entry.

Due to changes in its regulations, Brazil had requested updates to several previously negotiated health certificates for U.S. agricultural products exported to Brazil. The affected commodities included beef and beef products in addition to goat milk, dairy, fish and aquaculture products, animal-origin feed meal, and bovine gelatin. FAS/Brasilia worked with the respective competent regulatory authorities, including AMS, APHIS, FSIS, and NOAA, to facilitate a negotiated solution to ensure uninterrupted market access for these products.

The U.S. beef exports to Brazil in 2020 totaled \$1.14 million. Last year, the United States was the fifth-largest exporter of beef and beef products to Brazil, behind Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, and Australia. According to the Trade Secretariat (SECEX), between January to July 2021, Brazil imported over \$420,000 of U.S. beef products. FAS Brazil sees an opportunity to capitalize on the new model certificate to expand U.S. beef exports to Brazil. The new Certificate model provides the needed assurances that trade will not be interrupted.

Please see April 29, 2021 GAIN: **Export Opportunities for Beef Producers** for additional information on exporting U.S. beef to Brazil.

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