

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

Date: September 16,2020

Report Number: TW2020-0042

Report Name: Taiwan To Ease Restrictions on US Beef Imports

Country: Taiwan

Post: Taipei

Report Category: Livestock and Products, Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety, Trade Policy
Monitoring, WTO Notifications, Export Accomplishments - Market Access

Prepared By: Erik Syngle and Troy Lai

Approved By: Mark Petry

Report Highlights:

On August 28, 2020, Taiwan announced that, beginning January 1, 2021, it will no longer restrict imports of U.S. beef to cattle of less than 30 months of age. This report contains an unofficial English translation of TFDA's draft regulation, as well as Taiwan's notification of the measure to the WTO SPS Committee.

On August 28, 2020, President Tsai Ing-Wen announced that Taiwan would no longer restrict U.S. beef imports to beef from cattle aged 30 months or younger. Beginning January 1, 2021, Taiwan will allow imports of U.S. beef from cattle of any age. On September 7, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) published a draft regulation for this change. The regulation applies to the same muscle cuts which are currently allowed in LT30-verified beef. Offals and ground beef from U.S. cattle of any age remain restricted. Attached to this report is an unofficial English translation the TFDA draft regulation.

The original Chinese version can be found here:

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/TC/newsContent.aspx?cid=5072&id=26371>

On September 9, 2020, Taiwan notified the WTO SPS Committee of the draft regulation. The comment period for the notification is seven days. Attached to this report is the SPS Committee notification.

Attachments:

[TFDA draft import rule for US and Canadian beef.docx](#)

[Taiwan SPS Committee Notification Beef LT30.pdf](#)