



INSPECTION AND EXPORT CERTIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK INTESTINES OR CASINGS

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KEY POINTS

THIS DIRECTIVE:

- Explains how to determine whether intestines or casings are eligible to receive the mark of inspection;
- Instructs inspection program personnel on what is required to certify intestines or casings for export;
- Instructs inspection program personnel on what is required to certify imported intestines or casings for export; and
- Provides a delayed (30 days from date of directive) implementation date.



BACKGROUND

- Intestines are meat by-products therefore:
 - Required to be produced under inspection
 - Bear the Mark
 - May be exported per 9000.1

- Casings are containers for meat/poultry food products therefore:
 - Under FDA Jurisdiction
 - May bear the Mark if produced under inspection
 - May be exported by Federal plant or under Certification Service 9 CFR 350.3(b)



Official Establishments

- Casings produced under inspection at Federal plants may bear the Mark
- Clean when visibly free of digestive tract contents
 - NOT SUBJECT to Zero Tolerance Standard
- Casings **NOT REQUIRED** to bear the Mark
 - May allow intestines or casings without the Mark to be shipped un-denatured for further processing
 - After removal of distal ileum
 - Cannot create in-sanitary conditions



Official Establishment

- Certify casings (or intestines) bearing the Mark for export as **NON-REIMBUSABLE** Service per FSIS Directive 9000.1
 - May be slaughtered at that establishment or another Federal establishment
- If importing country requires certification of requirements not imposed by FSIS (over and above), then certify as **REIMBURSABLE** Service 9 CFR 350.3(b)



Casings Facility (not Official Establishment)

- Export is Reimbursable Service per 9 CFR 350.3(b) and FSIS Directive 9000.1
- At request sign FSIS Form 9060-7 for casings which DO NOT bear the Mark provided:
 - Casing derived from animals slaughtered in U.S.
 - Harvested under sanitary conditions
 - Can certify that all statements on form are factual based on documentation accompanying the shipment (supplied by exporter)
 - Sign even if casings processed outside of U.S.



Export Certification of Imported Casings

- Casings imported under FDA jurisdiction
- When requested, can certify imported casings as Reimbursable Service provided:
 - Clean and sound
 - Derived from animals slaughtered in country with inspection system equivalent to U.S.
 - Documentation from government official certifying that:
 - Received Ante and post mortem inspection
 - Clean and sound
 - Handled in sanitary manner
 - Not subject to contagion prior to export (APHIS 9 CFR 96.3)
 - Not commingled with casings from other sources
 - Released by US Customs



Export Certification of Imported Casings

- Inspection personnel ensure that receiving country does not restrict importation of casings
 - See Export Library (see attachment)
 - For example: only casings from the US are eligible
- Sign FSIS Form 9060-18(8/13/08 or later)
- Facilities may re-pack and re-label imported casings with out the Mark under voluntary reimbursable inspection. Issue 9060-18 when all casings in shipment are in facility's documentation

Casings to Canada



(Export Library)

Natural Casings*

- Casings derived from livestock slaughtered in the U.S. regardless of where the casings were further processed:
 - i. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-7 (08/13/2008), Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-mortem, Post-mortem and Fit for Human Food Statements.



Casings to Canada

(Export Library)

- ii. For bovine casings, in addition to FSIS 9060-7, obtain an FSIS Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Natural Bovine Casings to Canada
- iii. For ovine casings, in addition to FSIS 9060-7, obtain an FSIS Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Natural Ovine Casings to Canada.



Casings to Canada

(Export Library)

- Casings derived from livestock slaughtered in another country and imported into the United States:
 - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-18 (08/13/2008), Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-mortem, Post-mortem and Sound and Clean Statements
 - For bovine casings, in addition to FSIS 9060-18, obtain an FSIS Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Natural Bovine Casings to Canada
 - For ovine casings, in addition to FSIS 9060-18, obtain an FSIS Letterhead Certificate for the Export of Natural Ovine Casings to Canada.



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- Casings not eligible for the mark of inspection must be sealed with an official USDA seal applied to the transport vehicle or to individual barrels. The seal number(s) must be recorded on the export certificate.



QUESTIONS

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