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St. Lucia Accepts U.S. Cooked Poultry Products

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Report Highlights:

St. Lucia recently agreed to USDA's Export Certificates of Wholesomeness for Fresh, Frozen and Cooked Poultry and Poultry Products, which allows U.S. fresh and frozen poultry products continued access to St. Lucia and opens up the market for cooked poultry products. St. Lucia imported approximately \$10 million in poultry and poultry products from the United States in 2010. For more information, please see the export requirements for St. Lucia included in this report, which can also be found on the FSIS Export Library at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/St_Lucia_Requirements/index.asp.

General Information:

Export Requirements for St. Lucia

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Asterisks (*) indicate the most recent revision to these requirements. To search, click on your browser's "Edit" menu, then click on "Find (on this page)". Enter "*" in the "Find What" field, then click "Find" or "Find Next" until all asterisks have been identified.

Eligible/Ineligible Products

A. Eligible Product

1. Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products, except as restricted in the "Ineligible Product" section below.
2. Cooked poultry and poultry products.*
3. Boneless beef and boneless beef products derived from cattle less than 30 months of age produced under an approved AMS Export Verification (EV) Less Than 30 (LT30) months of age program. Information about the program for St. Lucia and a list of LT30 approved establishments can be obtained from [AMS' Web site](#).

To export eligible beef product to St. Lucia, the applicant must request, from AMS' ARC Branch, a Statement of Verification (SOV) for each shipment. For more information on obtaining a SOV, access the [Export Verification \(EV\) Programs Additional Requirements](#) page from AMS' Web site. The unique product identification system can be accessed by authorized FSIS inspection personnel from [FSIS' Intranet site](#).

If FSIS inspection personnel become aware of concerns that an AMS approved LT30 establishment is not properly executing its Quality Control Program, export certification should not be issued for the product in question and AMS should be notified at ARCBbranch@usda.gov. Inspection personnel should include their immediate supervisor on messages to AMS. The following information should be included in the message:

- Establishment name, address, and establishment number.
- Product type, product code, and quantity of product.
- Date of production, lot number, and shift.
- Date and nature of observation.
- Name of country product is intended for export.
- Export certificate number (if applicable).
- Any other information to verify claim.
- Name of inspection official.

Veal and veal products are not subject to the LT30 program.

1. Fresh/frozen pork and pork products are eligible effective July 8, 2009.

A. Ineligible Product

1. Poultry and poultry products raised, processed, or stored in states where low pathogenic or high pathogenic Avian Influenza has been reported.
2. Beef offal products.

Documentation Requirements

- A. Certification of fresh or frozen poultry and poultry products - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness. The following statement must be typed in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 or on a [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#):*

"Poultry, poultry meat products, and processed viscera of poultry, originated from birds which were raised, slaughtered, processed, and stored in States where no highly pathogenic avian influenza has been reported and in flocks in which there has been no evidence of notifiable low pathogenic avian influenza in the 21 days prior to slaughter."

- B. Certification of cooked poultry and poultry products - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness. The following statements must be typed in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 or on a [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#):
1. The poultry meat was not derived from birds slaughtered in the context of an avian influenza or other disease control or eradication program.
 2. The poultry meat/meat product has been subjected to a heat treatment such that \ the product reached an internal temperature of at least 74 degrees Celsius (165 degrees Fahrenheit).
 3. The poultry meat product was handled in such a manner that any possibility of contamination of the product by unprocessed poultry material after the heat process, either directly or indirectly, was prevented.
- C. For boneless beef and boneless beef products. In completing the FSIS Form 9060-6, Application for Export, the following statement must be included: "The product meets EV requirements for St. Lucia." Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness. The following statements must be included in the "Remarks" section or on a [FSIS Letterhead Certificate](#):
1. *"The United States meets or exceeds the BSE guidance of the OIE pertaining to meat and meat products."*
 2. *"The United States has prohibited the feeding of ruminants with ruminant origin meat and bone meal (MBM) and greaves since 1997, and this prohibition has been effectively enforced."*
 3. *"The meat and meat products should be deboned skeletal muscle (boneless beef) from cattle less than 30 months of age, which were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process, and which were subject to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections and were not suspect or confirmed BSE cases."*
 4. *"The meat and meat products were not derived from or contaminated with mechanically separated meat (MSM) from the skull or vertebral column, or the following specified risk materials: tissue from the brain, eye, spinal cord, trigeminal ganglia, and dorsal root ganglia from cattle 30 months of age or older, and the tonsils and distal ileum of the small intestine of any cattle, regardless of age."*

Please note the title of the letterhead certificate has been modified to include "veal" because shipments of veal have been detained due to the fact that it was not included in the title of the letterhead certificate.

- A. All shipments of fresh/frozen pork and pork products must be accompanied by FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness.

Plants Eligible to Export

All federally inspected establishments are eligible to export to St. Lucia. Beef meat must originate from AMS EV approved establishments.

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