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§ 327.4 Imported products; foreign certificates required.

(a) Except as provided in § 327.16, each consignment containing any fresh meat or fresh meat byproducts consigned to the United States from a foreign country shall be accompanied by a foreign-meat-inspection certificate for fresh meat and meat byproducts in the following form:

ORIGINAL

OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR FRESH MEAT AND MEAT BYPRODUCTS

Place _____ (City) _____ (Country) _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the meat and meat byproducts herein described were derived from livestock which received ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspections at time of slaughter in plants certified for importation of their products into the United States and are not adulterated or misbranded as defined by the regulations governing meat inspection of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and that said products have been handled in a sanitary manner in this country and are otherwise in compliance with requirements equivalent to those in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and said regulations.

Kind of Product	Species of Livestock Derived From	Number of Pieces or Containers	Weight
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Identification marks on products and containers _____

Consignor _____

Address _____

Establishment number _____

Consignee _____

Destination _____

Shipping marks _____

(Signature) _____

(Name of official authorized by the national foreign government to issue inspection certificates for meat and meat byproducts exported to the United States)

(Official title) _____

(b) Except as provided in § 327.16, each consignment containing any meat food product consigned to the United States from a foreign country shall be accompanied by a foreign-meat-inspection certificate for meat food products in the following form:

ORIGINAL

OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS

Place _____ (City) _____
(Country) _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the meat food products herein described were derived from livestock which received ante-mortem and postmortem veterinary inspections at time of slaughter in plants certified for importation of their products into the United States, were handled in a sanitary manner, and were prepared under the continuous supervision of an inspector under control of the national meat inspection system and that said meat food products are not adulterated or misbranded as defined by the regulations governing meat inspection of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and are otherwise in compliance with requirements equivalent to those in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and said regulations. I further certify that all products herein described that are prepared customarily to be eaten without cooking and contain muscle tissue of pork were treated for destruction of trichinae as prescribed in § 318.10 of the Meat Inspection Regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Kind of Product	Species of Livestock Derived From	Number of Pieces or Containers	Weight
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Identification marks on products and containers _____

Consignor _____

Address _____

Establishment number _____

Consignee _____

Destination _____

Shipping marks _____

(Signature) _____

(Name of official authorized by the national foreign government to issue inspection certificates for meat food product exported to the United States)

(Official title) _____

(c) Each foreign meat-inspection certificate shall bear the official seal of the national government agency responsible for the inspection of the product and be signed and issued by an official authorized to sign and issue such certificates by the national government of the foreign country in which the product is inspected.

(d) Each foreign meat-inspection certificate shall be in both the English language and the language of the foreign country of origin.

(e) Except for product subject to procedures in § 327.5(d)(1), the foreign meat inspection certificate required by this section to accompany each consignment containing any product shall be delivered by the consignee, or his agent, in the United States to the Program import inspector at the place of inspection, and inspection of the product will not be commenced prior to such delivery.