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Subject: Revisions to Importations of Edible Bovine Meat and Bovine Meat Products

To: U.S. Importers, Brokers, and other Interested Parties

As a result of an agreed stipulation approved by the Federal District Court for the District of Montana, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has rescinded the April 19, 2004 Notice entitled: "New Criteria for the Importation of Edible Bovine Meat and Bovine Meat Products."

Until further notice, the USDA will only issue import permits for the following ruminant-derived products from Canada:

- Whole dressed carcass (eviscerated with head removed) or meat of wild sheep, goats, other non-cervid ruminants for personal use<sup>1</sup>
- Whole dressed carcass (eviscerated with head removal) or meat of wild cervids for personal use
- Meat (bone in or bone out) from caribou and musk ox harvested in the province of Nunavut
- Cleaned hide and trophy of wild ruminants (skull and antlers) free of tissue including brain and lymphoid tissue, for personal use
- Animal feed including milk replacer and pet food, and feed ingredients containing only non-ruminant products
- Tallow for non-animal feed use
- Preps W/Vitamin B12, For Supplementing Animal Feed
- Vaccine For Veterinary Medicine for use in non-ruminants
- Finished pet chews made from bone, ligaments, hides, or hooves
- Fresh or Frozen Bovine Liver
- Veal (including carcasses) from calves 36 weeks of age or under
- Sheep or goat meat, boneless, fresh or frozen, from animals under 12 months of age – (no advanced meat recovery (AMR), mechanically separated meat, ground meat, or low-temperature rendered product acceptable) [*includes trim/manufacturing trim derived from skeletal muscle with associated tissues, not including any ground meat, trim derived from a mechanical separation process (including AMR), or derived from vertebral column*]
- Cervidae meat from domesticated farmed animals processed in a slaughterhouse; bone in or bone out, fresh or frozen ground meat or sausage is allowable if it is derived from either (a) only cervidae meat or (2) only cervidae and porcine meat

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<sup>1</sup> Personal use refers to meat and trophies from animals that are legally harvested.

- Products (including meat or trophies such as antlers or skull) from Cervids harvested on a game farm or similar facility (so-called “shooter bulls” or “shooter bucks”); meat may be bone in or bone out, fresh or frozen; ground meat or sausage is allowable if it is derived from either (1) only cervidae meat or (2) only cervidae and porcine meat
- Bovine Meat, Boneless Fresh or Frozen from animals under 30 months of age – (no advanced meat recovery, mechanically separated meat, ground meat, or low-temperature rendered product) [*includes trim/manufacturing trim derived from skeletal muscle with associated tissues, not including any ground meat, trim derived from a mechanical separated process (including AMR), or derived from vertebral column*]
- Ruminant products originating in a BSE-free region or from the United States that are processed in Canada, provided that the products are not commingled with ruminant products from regions affected with BSE

All existing permits for the products listed above remain effective. Permits that cover products listed above that include other products not listed, will be cancelled and/or amended to cover only the allowable products.

This is the same list of allowable products that USDA announced on August 15, 2003. Questions should be directed to the National Center for Import-Export at (301) 734-3277.



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