

Status Chart for Active Equivalence Requests

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[Asterisks (*) indicate where the most recent update was made for an equivalence request]

| Countries | Product(s) | Initial or Reinstatement [i] | Status of Initial or Reinstatement Equivalence [ii] |
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| Argentina | Raw Lamb and Mutton Products | Reinstatement | Step 1 – With CCA ¹ |
| Belarus | Raw and Processed Beef and Veal Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| | Raw and Processed Chicken Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| Brazil* | Raw and Processed Poultry Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Egg Products* | Initial | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Colombia* | Raw Beef and Veal Products* | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Raw Poultry Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| France | Raw and Processed Poultry Products | Reinstatement | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| Germany* | Raw Pork Products* | Reinstatement | Step 3A – With CCA |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Greece | Raw and Processed Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Goat, and Pork Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Raw and Processed Poultry Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| Guyana | Raw Siluriformes Products | Initial | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Hong Kong | Egg Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Ireland | Processed Beef and Pork Products | Reinstatement | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Italy | Egg Products | Initial | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Japan | Egg Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Korea | Processed Pork Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Lithuania | Raw Beef, Veal, Lamb, Mutton, and Goat Products | Reinstatement | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Morocco | Processed Poultry Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| Nigeria* | Raw and Processed Siluriformes Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| Pakistan* | Raw and Processed Beef Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Panama | Raw and Processed Beef and Veal Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Paraguay | Raw Beef Products | Reinstatement | Step 4 – With FSIS |
| People's Republic of China | Egg Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| Philippines | Raw and Processed Meat Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |
| | Raw and Processed Poultry Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |

¹ The CCA is the Central Competent Authority for the country that is seeking equivalence.

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| Poland | Raw and Processed Beef and Veal Products | Reinstatement | Step 3A – With CCA |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Portugal | Raw and Processed Beef and Pork Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Raw and Processed Poultry Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| Romania | Processed Pork Products | Reinstatement | Step 5 – With FSIS |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 3A – With CCA |
| Slovenia | Poultry Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Suriname | Raw Siluriformes Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| Taiwan* | Processed Pork Products* | Reinstatement | Step 3A – With CCA |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 1 – With CCA |
| Ukraine | Raw and Processed Pork Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Raw and Processed Poultry Products | Initial | Step 3B – With FSIS |
| | Egg Products | Initial | Step 2 – With FSIS |

Note: This chart lists active equivalence requests. If FSIS has not received correspondence from a country regarding an equivalence request for one (1) year, FSIS considers that request to be inactive. The request will be reactivated, and listed on the chart, when FSIS receives correspondence or information from the Central Competent Authority (CCA) about the request.

[i] Initial Equivalence: When a country’s CCA requests to begin the export of meat, poultry or egg products to the United States (U.S.), FSIS evaluates the country’s inspection system by document reviews and onsite audits. When FSIS determines that a country’s inspection system meets U.S. requirements, FSIS publishes its proposal to find a country equivalent through a notice with a request for comments in the *Federal Register*. Equivalence becomes effective after FSIS considers public comments and then publishes a final notice in the *Federal Register* responding to comments and announcing a final decision concerning equivalence.

Reinstatement of Equivalence: A country’s CCA requests to resume exporting to the United States a particular meat, poultry or egg product that was previously listed as eligible on the FSIS website but has not been exported from that country for an extended period of time. FSIS conducts a technical document review, and in some cases, FSIS might require an onsite audit. FSIS does not publish a *Federal Register* notice for reinstatements of equivalence.

Note: When a final equivalence determination (i.e., initial or reinstatement) is made, the country is removed from this list and their product eligibility is posted in the [Import Library](#) on FSIS’ website.

[ii] Status of Equivalence Steps:

1. The CCA submitted a formal written request to FSIS, identifying the species and products the country intends to export. The CCA is preparing responses to relevant questions in the Self-Reporting Tool (SRT) with supporting documentation.
2. The CCA submitted responses to the SRT with supporting documentation and FSIS is conducting an SRT technical review.
- 3A. FSIS sent a request to the country to provide additional information for the SRT.
- 3B. FSIS received additional information from the country and is conducting a technical review of the provided information.

Note: The status may cycle between 3A and 3B during the period when FSIS is reviewing

the SRT and supporting documentation associated with an equivalence request and the country is responding to FSIS' additional requests for information.

4. FSIS completed the SRT technical review and is planning an onsite verification audit as needed.

Note: In some cases, FSIS might not conduct an onsite audit for reinstatement of equivalence.

5. FSIS completed the onsite verification audit, if needed.

6. FSIS published the initial equivalence determination through a *Federal Register* notice with requests for public comment.

Note: FSIS does not publish a *Federal Register* notice for reinstatement of equivalence.