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Report Highlights:

Effective February 14, 2025, Hong Kong transitioned from a “systems-based” to an “establishment-based” registration system for foreign meat and poultry exporters. U.S. establishments that slaughter, process, store or export raw meat and/or raw poultry products, must be approved by Hong Kong and added to the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Hong Kong Eligible Establishment List to export to Hong Kong. This requirement only applies to raw meat and raw poultry products. Once added to the FSIS list, establishments should contact ATO Hong Kong for further guidance on how to register with the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) before exporting raw meat and poultry products to Hong Kong.

Background

Effective February 14, 2025, U.S. establishments that slaughter, process, store or export raw meat and/or raw poultry products, must be added to the FSIS posted [Hong Kong Eligible Establishment List](#) and approved by the Hong Kong Centre for Food Safety (CFS) to export to Hong Kong. This requirement only applies to raw meat and raw poultry products.

Establishments interested in being added to the Hong Kong Eligible Establishment List should review the [Eligible U.S. Establishments by Country](#) page for Hong Kong and follow all instructions to submit a 9080-3 export application for review and approval. FSIS will provide Hong Kong an updated establishment list monthly. FSIS will update the Hong Kong Eligible Establishment List upon notification from Hong Kong of approved establishments.

Exporters must ensure that establishments are listed on the [Hong Kong Eligible Establishment List](#) and all information is accurately listed before submitting an application for an export certificate. In addition to getting listed by and approval from FSIS, exporters must also ensure that establishments are listed on the CFS [Food Import Protocol \(cfs.gov.hk\)](#) list prior to export.

To register an establishment with Hong Kong CFS, exporters should contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office in Hong Kong at ATOHongKong@usda.gov for more information on the process and required form. Please note that exporters should contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office in Hong Kong once their 9080-3 export application is in “Received by IEC PDS” status according to PHIS to initiate the registration process. This requirement only applies to slaughter and processing establishments requesting to be added to the eligible establishment list, and to currently listed establishments requesting to add a slaughter or processing operation. Standalone cold storage facilities are not required to complete the CFS application to register their facilities.

For questions regarding the registration process, please contact ATOHongKong@usda.gov.

Attachments:

No Attachments.