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**Meat Products** 

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# **Report Highlights:**

Taiwan has completed implementing new certification requirements for imported meat products. The changes occurred in two phases: 1) October 1, 2022 was the effective date for new certification requirements for livestock and poultry; 2) July 1, 2023 was the effective date for canned meat products. The current U.S. certificates for meat products issued by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will continue to be used, with additional information added in specific sections of the certificates. Please refer to the FSIS Export Library for Taiwan for detailed instructions. This report updates and replaces GAIN TW2022-0046 from September 29, 2022.

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#### **General Information:**

The Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) announced new certification requirements for imported meat products in July 2022, as stipulated in the notice "Imported Livestock and Poultry Meat Products Shall Be Accompanied by Official Certificates Issued by the Competent Authority of the Export Country." For livestock and poultry meat products in fresh, chilled, frozen, prepared, or preserved forms, and falling under HS codes 02, 0504, 1601 and 1602, the new requirements took effect on October 1, 2022 (based on the issue date of the certificates). For canned products containing livestock and poultry meat, and falling under HS code 1602, the new requirement took effect on July 1, 2023 (based on the issue date of the certificates). The product description associated with each HS code is listed below.

HS code 02	meat and edible meat offal
HS code 0504	Casings of swine
HS code 1601	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products
HS code 1602	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood

# For livestock and poultry meat products

The current U.S. certificates for meat products continue to be used, including FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness; FSIS Form 9060-7, Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem and Fit for Human Food Statements; FSIS Form 9285-1, Certificate for Export to Taiwan; and FSIS Form 2630-9, Letterhead Certificate for Beef and Beef Products (or Poultry Meat and Meat Products) for Human Consumption Intended for Export to Taiwan. Effective October 1, 2022, two new pieces of extra information are required: storage condition (ambient, chilled, or frozen) should be added in the 9060-5 and the 9060-7, and the type of facility (warehouse, slaughter establishment, and/or processing establishment) should be added in the

9285-1. The 2630-9 has no change. Detailed instructions can be found in the Documentation Requirements Section of FSIS Export Library for Taiwan.

For shipments of meat products arriving after October 1, 2022, TFDA continues to accept the old 9060-5, 9060-7 and 9285-1 (without the additional information) when the certificates were issued before October 1, 2022. During the customs clearance process, if the original certificate issued by FSIS is already submitted to Taiwan's Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ), TFDA accepts the confirmed paper copy of the original certificate attested by the importers, traders, or the rotary agencies.

### For canned meat products

Effective July 1, 2023 (based on the issue date of the certificates), hermetically sealed (canned) beef, pork, and poultry products must be accompanied by the required FSIS certificates to export to Taiwan.

For canned beef products, the exporters should obtain:

- FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness
- FSIS Form 9285-1, Certificate for Export to Taiwan
- FSIS Form 2630-9, FSIS Letterhead Certificate for Beef and Beef Products for Human Consumption Intended for Export to Taiwan

Taiwan has restrictions on canned product made with raw beef sourced from the United States. Please check the Eligible Products Section and the Ineligible Products Section in the FSIS <u>Export Library for Taiwan</u>.

For canned pork and poultry products, the exporters should obtain:

- FSIS Form 9060-5, Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness
- FSIS Form 9285-1, Certificate for Export to Taiwan

For shipments with certificates issued on or after July 1, 2023, three pieces of extra information are required: storage condition (ambient, chilled, or frozen) and sterilizing condition (different statements for low acid canned food and acidified canned food) should be added in the 9060-5, and the type of facility (warehouse and/or processing establishment) should be added in the 9285-1. The 2630-9 has no change. Detailed instructions can be found in the Documentation Requirements Section of FSIS Export Library for Taiwan.

During the customs clearance process, if the original certificate issued by FSIS is already submitted to Taiwan's Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ), TFDA accepts the confirmed paper copy of the original certificate attested by the importers, traders, or the rotary agencies.

#### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.