NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF THE RECOGNITION OF EQUIVALENCE

OF SANITARY OR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

The following notification of determination of the recognition of equivalence has been received. This is a final determination of G/SPS/N/EQV/USA/7 circulated on 7 January 2022.

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| **1.** | **Member notifying:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |
| **2.** | **Title of the text stating the determination of the recognition of equivalence**: Eligibility of Lithuania To Export Egg Products to the United States <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/federal-register-rulemaking/federal-register-notices/eligibility-lithuania-export-egg-0><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-15/pdf/2022-19894.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/USA/22_6542_00_e.pdf> |
| **3.** | **Parties involved:** Lithuania; United States of America |
| **4.** | **Date of entry into force of the determination of the recognition of equivalence and any associated procedures or regulations:** 15 September 2022  |
| **5.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):** Egg products |
| **6.** | **Description of measures recognized to be equivalent:** The US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that Lithuania is eligible to export egg products to the United States. FSIS has reviewed Lithuania's laws, regulations, and inspection system, as implemented, and has determined that Lithuania's egg products inspection system is equivalent to the food safety inspection system for egg products that the United States has established under the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) and its implementing regulations. Therefore, egg products produced in certified Lithuanian establishments are eligible for export to the United States. All such products will be subject to reinspection at US points-of-entry by FSIS inspectors.Lithuania's egg products eligible for import to the United States will be added to the FSIS Import Library (<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/import-export-library>) on 15 September 2022. Lithuania will be eligible to export to the United States egg products produced in the country on or after 15 September 2022.Full text for this Federal Register notice (87 FR 56621) can be accessed at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/15/2022-19894/eligibility-of-lithuania-to-export-egg-products-to-the-united-states>. |
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