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Report Highlights:

Mexico has again modified its BSE ban, this time to allow imports of sausage made from beef (embutidos), bovine breeding bulls, bovine blood and parts thereof for human consumption and grease (grasa); and certain modifications to already allowed imports of beef based preparations.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Mexico Expands List of Beef Products Eligible for Importation

The Government of Mexico (GOM) recently established import requirements for breeding bulls and has changed some requirements to the already issued HRZ's for beef based preparations. At this point, the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA), has formally rejected FAS's request for an HRZ to allow imports of bovine large intestines as offals.

The BSE Banned List

The following products are currently banned by SAGARPA.

- Live cattle (with the exception of bovine breeding bulls)
- Bone-in meat
- Boneless meat from cattle 30 months of age or older
- Bovine offal and viscera other than those currently authorized
- Products derived from non-protein-free tallow
- Protein-free tallow fit for human consumption
- Gelatin and collagen prepared from bone
- Ruminant meal
- Live sheep for breeding

Products Exempt from the BSE Ban

The following products are exempt from the BSE ban.

- Boneless beef from cattle under 30 months of age
- Marinated boneless beef from cattle under 30 months of age (now includes Australia as country of origin)
- Beef based preparations, beef/pork based preparations, beef/sheep based preparations and beef/pork/poultry based preparations
- Veal de-boned or bone-in
- Hearts, kidneys, tongue and lips from cattle under 30 months of age
- Diaphragm and trimmings from cattle under 30 months of age
- Tripe from cattle under 30 months of age
- Meat, carcasses, viscera, and heads from sheep under 12 months of age
- Meat, carcasses, and viscera from goats under 12 months of age
- Liver
- Milk
- Dairy products
- Semen
- Embryos
- Protein-free tallow not fit for animal consumption
- Protein-free tallow for industrial use
- Dicalcium phosphate (DCP)
- Skins and hides
- Gelatin and collagen obtained from hides and skins
- Pet Food (see MX4040 for more details)
- Sausage made from beef and pork with or without cheese
- *Sausage made from beef (embutidos)
- *Bovine breeding bulls
- *Bovine blood and parts thereof for human consumption
- *Grease (grasa)

SAGARPA will consider establishing import requirements for processed beef preparations not currently approved, if the products do not differ substantially from products that are currently authorized. Once established, the requirements will be available for any company to use. Companies should work with their importers and be prepared to provide documentation about their product composition and expect to wait a few weeks for approval. Inquiries should be directed to:

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*SAGARPA has recently established import requirements for sausage made from beef (embutidos), bovine breeding bulls, bovine blood and parts thereof for human consumption and grease (grasa). The authorized import requirement sheets (HRZ) for the above products are as follows:

Current import requirements for sausage made from beef (embutidos), bovine breeding bulls, bovine blood and parts thereof for human consumption and grease (grasa).

The requirements outlined in this report are subject to change without notice. Exporters should work closely with their importers and consult the requirements in the Food Safety and Inspection Service export library.

COURTESY TRANSLATION
HRZ

SPECIE	BEEF
FUNCTION/PRODUCT	SAUSAGE (EMBUTIDOS)
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COUNTRY OF SHIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMBINATION	5-1-7-USA-USA

REQUIREMENTS

Present Original International Sanitary Certificate from the official authority of the country of origin that specifies the following:

- 1) Name and address of the importer.
- 2) That the product is from the country of origin as indicated in this document.
- 3) That the product is approved for human consumption.
- 4) That the product was processed at an establishment under official control.
- 5) That the product was obtained from animals that were found healthy at time of inspection.
- 6) That the animals from which the raw material to elaborate the product was obtained were not fed with protein of ruminant origin, except milk and milk proteins.
- 7) That in the country of origin of the product there exist animal health regulations in force that prohibit the feeding of ruminants with proteins of ruminant origin, except milk and milk proteins.
- 8) That the ruminants from where the raw material meat was obtained for elaborating the product were slaughtered in installations under official control by the competent authorities and are dedicated exclusively to the slaughter of animals under the age of 30 months and/or that the plant has acceptable procedures for complete segregation that permits the official from the corresponding competent health authorities to identify and select the products to be exported.
- 9) That the product was obtained from animals under the age of 30 months of age, determined by records that demonstrate the age or through post mortem inspection verifying that the animals from which the product was obtained have two incisive permanent teeth or less.
- 10) That the animals from where the product was obtained were not stunned, by means of gas injection in the cranial cavity or by cutting of the spinal cord by laceration of the central nervous tissue, or by means of introducing a sharp cutting instrument in the cranial cavity.
- 11) That from the slaughtered animals from where the raw material was obtained, specific risk materials (tonsils and distal ileum) were eliminated.
- 12) That the raw materials of ruminant origin employed in the elaboration of the products are not specific risk materials (tonsils and distal ileum).
- 13) That in the elaboration of the product to be exported, no meat obtained by advanced meat recovery, or mechanically separated meat was employed.
- 14) That the raw materials employed in the elaboration of the products came from ruminants that were slaughtered as of March 5, 2004.

At the presentation of the shipment to the Plant and Animal Health Inspection Office (OISA):

- 15) The official inspector from OISA will perform the physical inspection of the shipment and the corresponding documents.
- 16) The importer must indicate in writing the specific destination of the product.
- 17) The shipment and documentation of the imported products must comply with the provisions established in Article 24 of the Federal Animal Health Law.

BORDER POINTS OF ENTRY: ALL

COURTESY TRANSLATION
HRZ

SPECIE: BOVINE
FUNCTION/PRODUCT: LIVE BREEDING BULLS
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COUNTRY OF SHIPMENT: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMBINATION: 5-0-2-USA-USA

REQUIREMENTS IMPORTER MUST MEET

Present the Original Sanitary Certificate from the official authority of the country of origin that indicates:

1. Name and address of the importer and exporter.
2. Individual identification of the animals indicating breed, sex, age and permanent identification number either by tattoo and/or ear tags.
3. That the shipment originates from an exporter known by an Association of Dairy Cattle Herd Book.
4. That the animals come from a production unit that complies with the prohibition of feeding proteins of ruminant origin except milk and milk proteins.
5. That in the country of origin, health regulations exist and are in force to prohibit the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal or greaves of ruminant origin.
6. That the cattle to be exported are identified by a permanent system of identification that permits their traceability back to the herd of origin.
7. Confirmation that the animals to be exported are not offspring of a suspect cow or confirmed of having been infected with BSE.
8. That the imported animals were born at installations where not a single case of BSE was recorded.
9. That during the inspection prior to export, the animals were found to be clinically sound.
10. That the animals presented negative results to: a) brucellosis using an individual serological test performed in a period of not greater than 60 days prior to export. Cattle under the age of 20 months that have been certified as having been tested for brucellosis are not subject to this test; also, this test is not required for animals under the age of 6 months. In the case of animals from areas not certified, present the negative serological test results, performed in a period of no less than 30 days and not greater than 90 days prior to export. b) bovine tuberculosis (within 60 days prior to export) employing the caudal-fold tuberculin test, using 0.1 ml of tuberculin PPD in animals of over one month of age, indicating the date the test was read. The test may be substituted by the certification of the country or free herd (NOM-031-ZOO-1995).
11. That the animals are free of campylobacteriosis, tricomoniasis, piroplasmosis and infectious bovine rinotraqueitis.
12. That the animals were vaccinated against infectious bovine rinotraqueitis and against leptospirosis, using a bacterium against five strains (L.pomona, L. icterohemorriagiae, L. canicola, L. grippotyphos and L. hardjo); in both cases applied in a period of no greater than 90 days prior to the date of export.

13. That the animals are free of ectoparasites and come from an area that has not been quarantined for ticks, *Boophilus* spp. Country certification of tick free status *Boophilus* spp (NOM-019-ZOO-1994) is acceptable.
14. That the animals comprising the shipment were inspected by an accredited or official medical veterinarian and were shipped only under the supervision of an official medical veterinarian.
15. That from the point of shipment and exit to the United States of America, the animals were transported in sealed vehicles.
16. That the vehicles used in transporting the animals were cleaned and disinfected prior to the shipment of the animals.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO BE FULFILLED:

17. The importer shall notify the General Director of Animal/Plant Health Inspection (DGIF) with thirty days prior notice, the programmed shipping date, in order to coordinate the corresponding inspection activities. The expenses incurred performing the verification at place of origin shall be for the account of the interested party.
18. At inspection, the personnel from DGIF shall verify that the animals have permanent individual identification.
19. The animals shall be inspected at point of origin by an veterinarian designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) who shall verify the origin of the animals and their registration. The expenses for transport, food and lodging of the inspector shall be borne by the importer.
20. Upon entering Mexico, the animals shall be inspected by an official medical veterinarian from DGIF at the installations authorized by SAGARPA.
21. A medical veterinarian for verifications, designated by SAGARPA, in the state of destination shall supervise all of the import procedures including the transport of the animals from the exit at the Animal/Plant Health Office to the quarantined installations previously approved by the Mexico-United States Commission for the prevention of Hoof and Mouth disease and other exotic animal diseases.
22. The importer shall present the official document that designates the authorized official medical veterinarian for verifications, issued by the state delegation of SAGARPA in the state of final destination, who shall supervise the shipment in the terms indicated in the previous paragraph.
23. The bovines imported shall remain quarantined at animal installations that operate under the specifications indicated in the Mexican Official Standard NOM-027-ZOO-1995, "Animal health process of semen of domestic animals, during their entire life". The mobilization of the animals for their slaughter or destruction should be performed with prior authorization for mobilization by the National Emergency of Animal Health Mechanism (DINESA-CPA) where the conditions for said procedure will be defined. The animals that are in contact with imported bovines, shall be considered with the same animal health risk and shall remain quarantined until death or are sent to slaughter or destruction under the same procedures used for imported animals.
24. If during transport or upon arrival in Mexico an animal gets sick or dies, immediate notification must be given to the CPA so that pertinent measures are taken with regards to taking samples and disposal of the animals, to telephone numbers: 5259-3035, 5259-1441 and from within the Mexican Republic to 01 (800) 903-8800 or 01 (800) 751-2100; for the purpose of performing the corresponding epidemiology investigation. The expenses incurred for these operations are for the account of the importer.

25. Once in country, the animals should be registered with the National System of Individual Identification of Livestock (SIINIGA) to maintain vigilance with respect to BSE and they shall be subject to the guidelines emitted by SAGARPA through DINESA-CPA in accordance to articles 6.2, 7.1, and 7.2 of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-054-ZOO-1996, Establishment of quarantines for animals and products thereof.
26. Prior to importation, the importer must present to DINESA-CPA a letter declaring under oath, agreeing to: a) Sending a copy of the registration of processed semen to DINESA-CPA, that permits the traceability of the bull descent, for a term of 8 years. c) That the animals that die or those that have terminated their useful productive life shall be destroyed under official supervision from SAGARPA and they are not be destined for food or rendering. d) Notify DINESA-CPA every 6 months the health status of the animals. In case the proprietor does not comply with this notification he shall be sanctioned in conformance to the guidelines established in the Federal Law of Animal Health and the Law on Metrology and Normalization. e) To allow personnel from DINESA-CPA or SAGARPA access to the animals without prior notice, in order to review their health status.
27. The shipment and documentation shall comply with the mechanisms established in article 24 of the Federal Law of Animal Health.
28. The semen obtained from the imported animals, may be sold or distributed under compliance as per the Official Mexican Standard NOM-027-ZOO-1995 "Animal Health Processing of Semen from Domestic Animals".

AUTHORIZED BORDER CROSSING POINTS:

Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua
Matamoros, Tamps.
Nogales, Sonora
Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.
Ojinaga, Chihuahua
Piedras Negras, Coahuila
Cd. Reynosa, Tamps.
San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora
Tijuana, Baja California
Agua Prieta, Sonora
Cd. Acuña, Coahuila
Cd. Camargo, Tamps.
Tuxpan, Veracruz
Puerto Morelos, Q.R.

COURTESY TRANSLATION
HRZ

SPECIE	BEEF
FUNCTION/PRODUCT	BLOOD AND PARTS THEREOF, (HUMAN CONSUMPTION)
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COUNTRY OF SHIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMBINATION	5-1-754-USA-USA

REQUIREMENTS

Present Original International Sanitary Certificate from the official authority of the country of origin that specifies the following:

1. Name and address of the importer.
2. That the product was processed at an establishment under official control.
3. That in the country of origin of the product there exist animal health regulations in force that prohibit the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal or greaves of ruminant origin.
4. That the product was not mixed with imported meals from other countries or other species.
5. That the product comes from slaughter plants under federal inspection.
6. That the product is approved by an official organization as fit for human consumption.

At the presentation of the shipment at the Animal Health Inspection Office (OISA):

7. The official inspector from OISA will perform the physical inspection of the shipment and the corresponding shipping documents.
8. The importer shall present the original and copy of the quality control certificate from the manufacturer. The personnel from OISA shall only retain the copy after verification of the original.
9. The importer must indicate in writing the specific destination of the product.
10. The shipment and documentation of the imported products must comply with the provisions established in Article 24 of the Federal Animal Health Law.
11. Present the authorization issued by the Secretariat of Health for importation of the product.

BORDER POINTS OF ENTRY: ALL