



FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND SUPPLY - MAPA
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PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTS OF NATURAL CASINGS

Natural casings destined for Brazil must be accompanied by a health certificate, issued in the official language of the exporting country and in Portuguese, signed by a veterinarian of the Official Veterinary Service of the exporting country, certifying the following minimum conditions, in addition to those defined by Department of Animal Health:

1. The products were obtained from animals slaughtered in an establishment officially approved by the Competent Authority of the exporting country, subject to official *ante* and *post mortem* veterinary inspection and were considered fit for human consumption.
2. The animals were slaughtered following the animal welfare provisions, meeting the rules set by the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
3. The products were obtained in hygienic conditions in establishments that implemented the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points Programs (HACCP), following the recommendations of *Codex Alimentarius*, with systematic verification of the Official Veterinary Service.
4. The products have been processed in establishments subjected to the official control program of residues of veterinary drugs, pesticides and environmental contaminants, which is planned and implemented following the recommendations of *Codex Alimentarius* and are in compliance with the microbiological parameters established in the exporting country legislation.
5. In the case of ruminant natural casings, the specified risk materials – SRM* for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy - BSE did not come into contact with the products to be exported nor were they used in their preparation.
*The following materials from bovines are considered SRM: distal ileum (70 cm) of animals of any age; and brain, eyes and spinal cord of animals older than 30 months.
6. The products do not contain and were not prepared with any chemical preservatives, adulterants or coloring agents harmful to human health.
7. The intestines destined for use as natural casings were previously scraped, washed and properly preserved.
8. Necessary precautions have been taken during slaughter, processing and after processing to avoid contact of products with any potential source of contamination.
9. The products have not undergone any radiation treatment.
10. The products were manufactured, packaged and labeled in accordance with the composition, manufacturing process and labels registered in the Department of Inspection of Animal Products (DIPOA), of Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA).
11. The products packaging meets the hygienic-sanitary requirements established by the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
12. The vehicle or transport equipment is in proper conditions of hygiene and maintenance and, if products are to be kept under refrigeration, has the appropriate cold generation equipment to maintain the temperature of the products during the transport.