

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Trader Notice MH 39/2014

**To: All Food Business Operators at premises approved to export pigmeat to
Canada**

Subject: Revised Health Certificate for the Export of Fresh Pigmeat to Canada

We have been advised that the EU harmonised official meat inspection certificate for the export of **fresh pigmeat including minced meat and meat preparations of domestic swine whether fresh, chilled or frozen that comes under customs codes 02 03, 02 06, 02 09, 05 04 or 15 01** to Canada has been further revised.

The revision relates to information required in box 1.25 of the certificate and the notes that apply to that section of the health certificate

The text of the revised certificate is included in the Annex to this trader notice.

The revised veterinary health certificate comes into effect immediately and the certificate will be made available to Veterinary Inspectors at the eligible plants through the usual channels, on request.

FBOs should pay special attention to the notes on the completion of the certificate.

In particular, the Canadian Authorities require that

- The description of the product in box 1.25 should match **exactly** the description as expressed on the label/carton of the product, i.e. if the carton says 'Boneless Pork loin back ribs', then this is the description that must be used in box 1.25 of the official meat Inspection certificate as well. Abbreviations are not acceptable.
- the country code (ISO code) of the slaughtering plant is also to be inserted in box 1.25

Meat Hygiene Division

6th November 2014

Annex

European Union

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1.1 Consignor Name: Address: Country:			1.2 Certificate reference number: <i>IRL</i>		1.2a TRACES reference number:
			1.3 Central Competent Authority:		
			1.4 Local Competent Authority:		
1.5 Consignee Name: Address: Country:					
1.7 Country of Origin:	ISO code	1.8 Region of Origin:	1.9 Country of destination:	ISO Code	1.10 Region of destination:
1.11 Place of Origin Establishment no: Establishment name:			1.12 Place of destination:		
1.13 Place of Loading:			1.14 Date and time of departure:		
1.15 Means of Transport: Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle: <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Number(s)			1.16 Entry Point:		
			1.17 CITES:		
1.18 Temperature of Products:			1.19 Total Gross weight:		1.20 Total number of packages:
1.21 Seal / Container number:					
1.22 Commodities certified for: Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/>					

1.23 Transit through 3 rd country:				1.24 For export: <input type="checkbox"/>			
1.25 Identification of the commodities							
Product description	Slaughterhouse	Manufacturing plant	Coldstore	Number of packages	Type of package	Net weight	Shipping Mark
Product description: Slaughterhouse name: Slaughterhouse no: Manufacturing plant name: Manufacturing plant no: Coldstore name: Coldstore no: Number of packages: Type of package: Net weight: Shipping Mark:							
II Health Information				II.a Certificate reference number: <i>IRL</i>		II.b TRACES reference number	
<p>II.1 I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the meat specified above has been prepared in an establishment certified for export to Canada and is derived from animals that have been examined and found, by ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter, to be free from diseases in compliance with Regulations (EC) No. 852/2004, (EC)853/2004 and (EC) 854/2004 which have been recognised as equivalent to the Canadian Meat Inspection Act and Regulations and is fit for human consumption.</p> <p>II.2 Additional certification statements for all pigmeat derived from swine born and raised in a Member State of the EU.</p> <p>I hereby certify that:</p> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <p>II.2.1 The pigmeat is derived from animals which:</p> <p>II.2.1.1 have been in a Member State of the EU officially recognised as free from Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD) since birth or for the last 90 days prior to slaughter;</p> <p>II.2.1.2 have not been in contact within the last 90 days with any animal from a country or zone not officially recognised as free of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), African Swine Fever (ASF) and Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD);</p> <p>(¹)Either II.2.1.3 have not been in contact within the last 90 days with any animal from a country or zone not officially recognised as free of Classical Swine Fever (CSF);</p> <p>(¹)Or were kept within the last 90 days on a premises which was not located in a CSF wild pig control area</p> <p>(¹) Or were kept in a CSF wild pig control area which had undergone surveillance to verify absence of CSF in accordance with the Commission Decision 2008/855/EC, as amended;</p> <p>II.2.1.4 have been slaughtered in an approved establishment and were found to be free of any signs suggestive of CSF, FMD, ASF and SVD on ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection as dictated under point II.1;</p> <p>II.2.2 Every precaution was taken to prevent direct or indirect contact during the slaughter, processing and packaging of the pig meat and any animal product or by-product derived from animals of a lesser zoosanitary status.</p> </div>							
Official Veterinarian or Official Inspector Name (in Capital)				Qualification and title			
Local Veterinary Unit				LVU N°			
Date::				Signature:			
Stamp:							

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Notes:

This certificate is meant for fresh meat, including minced meat and meat preparations of domestic swine (*Sus scrofa*). Fresh meat means all animal parts fit for human consumption whether fresh, chilled or frozen.

For all uncooked pigmeat products from countries not free of SVD, the importer must obtain an Import Permit, issued by the Terrestrial Animal Health Division of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, prior to the arrival of the pig meat in Canada.

All pages must be signed and stamped and the certificate must be presented in English and/or French as well as at least one of the official languages of the exporting Member State of the EU.

Part 1

- Box reference 1.1: Indicate the details of the exporter
- Box reference 1.2 Indicate the reference number, which must be preceded by the ISO three digit country code according to ISO 3166-1 alpha-3
- Box reference 1.2a In case this certificate is produced via the TRACES system, a unique reference number assigned by the TRACES system is indicated.
- Box reference 1.5: Indicate the details of the importer
- Box reference 1.11 place of origin, name and address of the dispatch establishment.
- Box reference 1.15 Indicate the names of the ships and, if known, the flight numbers of aircraft. In the case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number of these and their registration and where there is serial number of the seal it has to be indicated in box 1.21. Separate information is to be provided in the event of unloading and reloading.
- Box reference 1.19 indicate total gross weight and total net weight.
- Box reference 1.21 For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included..
- Box reference 1.25 Custom code and title; Use the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code under the following headings: 02 03; 02 06; 02 09; 05 04; or 15 01,
Product description: must be identical to that on the shipping carton. If the shipping carton is labelled as Pork Leg, Boneless, then the description Pork Leg, Boneless must appear on the OMIC. If Pork Leg, Outside, Flat Cut is on the shipping carton, Pork Leg, Outside, Flat Cut must be on the OMIC. If Bone-in Pork Leg Butt Portion or Pork Loin Back Ribs are on the shipping carton, then they must appear as Bone-in Pork Leg Butt Portion or pork Loin Back Ribs on the OMIC. Abbreviations and /or codes are not acceptable as part of the mandatory product description e.g. the product description of Pork Leg, Boneless is not acceptable as Pork L, Bnls on the OMIC. The terms boneless or bone-in (whichever is applicable) must be included with the description on shipping carton labels of single ingredient meat cuts and therefore be presented on the OMIC.
Abattoir and Manufacturing Plant: Indicate name and country (ISO code), establishment approval number.
Shipping marks are used to identify all shipping containers (cartons) within an imported shipment to the appropriate official meat Inspection Certificate (OMIC). Each shipping container in each imported lot must be clearly marked with an appropriate shipping mark. Indicate the relevant number applied according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency requirements:
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/meat-and-poultry-products/manual-of-procedures/chapter-10/annex-d/eng/1336319434490/1336319505953>.

Part II

(1) Delete as appropriate.

Official Veterinarian or Official Inspector

Name (in Capital)

Qualification and title

Local Veterinary Unit

LVU No

Date::

Signature:

Stamp: