§ 94.18 Restrictions on importation of meat and edible products from ruminants due to bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

(a)(1) Bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists in the following regions: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, the Republic of Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Oman, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

(a)(2) The following regions, because of import requirements less restrictive than those that would be acceptable for import into the United States and/or because of inadequate surveillance, present an undue risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States: Albania, Andorra, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Hungary, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco, Norway, Romania, San Marino, and Sweden.

(a)(3) The following are minimal-risk regions with regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy: Canada.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section or in §§ 94.19 or 94.27,
the importation of meat, meat products, and edible products other than meat (except for gelatin as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, milk, and milk products) from ruminants that have been in any of the regions listed in paragraph (a) of this section is prohibited.

(c) Gelatin. The importation of gelatin derived from ruminants that have been in any region listed in paragraph (a) of this section is prohibited unless the following conditions or the conditions of §94.19(f) have been met:

(1) The gelatin must be imported for use in human food, human pharmaceutical products, photography, or some other use that will not result in the gelatin coming in contact with ruminants in the United States.

(2) The person importing the gelatin must obtain a United States Veterinary Permit for Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors by filing a permit application on VS form 16–3.17

(3) The permit application must state the intended use of the gelatin and the name and address of the consignee in the United States.

(d) Transit shipment of articles. Meat, meat products, and edible products other than meat that are prohibited importation into the United States in accordance with this section may transit air and ocean ports in the United States for immediate export if the conditions of paragraph (d)(1) through (d)(4) of this section are met. If such commodities are derived from bovines, sheep, or goats from a region listed in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, they are eligible to transit the United States by overland transportation if the requirements of paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(5) of this section are met:

(1) The person moving the articles must obtain a United States Veterinary Permit for Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors by filing a permit application on VS form 16–3.18

(2) The articles must be sealed in leakproof containers bearing serial numbers during transit. Each container must remain sealed during the entire time that it is in the United States.

(3) The person moving the articles must notify, in writing, the inspector at both the place in the United States where the articles will arrive and the port of export before such transit. The notification must include the:

(i) United States Veterinary Permit for Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors permit number;

(ii) Times and dates of arrival in the United States;

(iii) Times and dates of exportation from the United States;

(iv) Mode of transportation; and

(v) Serial numbers of the sealed containers.

(4) The articles must transit the United States in Customs bond.

(5) The commodities must be eligible to enter the United States in accordance with §94.19 and must be accompanied by the certification required by that section. Additionally, the following conditions must be met:

(i) The shipment must be exported from the United States within 7 days of its entry;

(ii) The commodities may not be transloaded while in the United States, except for direct transloading under the supervision of an authorized inspector, who must break the seals of the national government of the region of origin on the means of conveyance that carried the commodities into the United States and seal the means of conveyance that will carry the commodities out of the United States with seals of the U.S. Government;

(iii) A copy of the import permit required under paragraph (d)(1) of this section must be presented to the inspector at the port of arrival and the port of export in the United States.

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§ 94.19 Restrictions on importation from BSE minimal-risk regions of meat and edible products from ruminants.

Except as provided in §94.18 and this section, the importation of meat, meat products, and edible products other than meat (excluding gelatin that meets the conditions of §94.18(c), milk, and milk products), from bovines, sheep, or goats that have been in any of the regions listed in §94.18(a)(3) is prohibited. The commodities listed in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section may be imported from a region listed in §94.18(a)(3) if the conditions of this section are met; if (except for commodities described in paragraph (e) of this section) the commodities are accompanied by an original certificate of such compliance issued by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the region of origin, or issued by a veterinarian designated or accredited by the national government of the region of origin and endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the region of origin, representing that the veterinarian issuing the certificate was authorized to do so; and if all other applicable requirements of this part are met.

(a) **Meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products from bovines.** The meat, meat byproduct, or meat food product, as defined by FSIS in 9 CFR 301.2—that those terms as applied to bison shall have a meaning comparable to those provided in 9 CFR 301.2 with respect to cattle, sheep, and goats—is derived from bovines that have been subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at 21 CFR 589.2000, and meets the following conditions:

1. The meat, meat byproduct, or meat food product is derived from bovines for which an air-injected stunning process was not used at slaughter; and
2. The SRMs of the bovines were removed at slaughter.

(b) **Whole or half carcasses of bovines.** The carcasses are derived from bovines for which an air-injected stunning process was not used at slaughter and that meet the following conditions:

1. The bovines are subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at 21 CFR 589.2000; and
2. The SRMs of the bovines were removed at slaughter.

(c) **Meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products from sheep or goats or other ovines or caprines.** The meat, meat byproduct, or meat food product, as defined by FSIS in 9 CFR 301.2, is derived from ovines or caprines that are from a flock or herd that was less than 12 months of age when slaughtered, and that meet the following conditions:

1. The animals were slaughtered at a facility that either slaughters only sheep and/or goats or other ovines and caprines less than 12 months of age or complies with a segregation process approved by the national veterinary authority of the region of origin and the Administrator as adequate to prevent contamination or commingling of the meat with products not eligible for importation into the United States;
2. The animals did not test positive for and were not suspect for a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy;
3. The animals have not resided in a flock or herd that has been diagnosed with BSE; and
4. The animals’ movement is not restricted within Canada as a result of exposure to a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy.

(d) **Carcasses of ovines and caprines.** The carcasses are derived from ovines or caprines that are from a flock or herd subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at 21 CFR 589.2000, that were less than 12 months of age when slaughtered, and that meet the following conditions:

1. The animals were slaughtered at a facility that either slaughters only sheep and/or goats or other ovines and