§ 327.5 Importer to make application for inspection of products for entry; information required; “streamlined” inspection procedures for Canadian product.

(a) Except for importers of Canadian products, each importer shall apply for inspection of any product offered for entry by contacting the Import Field Office covering the location where import inspection will take place. The Import Field Office will provide specific application instructions (See §301.2 (yyy)).

(b) The application should be made as long as possible in advance of the anticipated arrival of each consignment, except in case of consignments of products expressly exempted from inspection by §§327.16 and 327.17, and in the case of product imported from Canada.

(c) Except in the case of product imported from Canada, each application shall state the approximate date on which the consignment is due to arrive.
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at such port in the United States, the
name of the ship or other carrier trans-
porting it, the name of the country
from which the product was, or is to
be, shipped, the place where inspection
is desired in accordance with § 327.6, the
quantity and kind of product, and
whether it is fresh, cured, canned or
otherwise prepared. In case of consign-
ments arriving in the United States by
water, the application shall also state
the port of first arrival in the United
States.

(d) For participating Canadian estab-
lishments, an official of the Canadian
meat inspection system shall contact
the participating Import Field Office
for an inspection assignment (See
§ 301.2 (yyy)).

(1) If the Automated Import Informa-
tion System (AIIS) does not designate
the consignment for reinspection, the
consignment may be transported to its
consignee for further distribution.

(2) If the AIIS designates the consign-
ment for reinspection, the representa-
tive shall:

(i) Select samples in accordance with
USDA sampling tables.

(ii) Identify and place samples in the
vehicle for easy removal and reinspec-
tion by an import inspector.

(3) In the event that any one of the
requirements provided in (d)(2) of this
section is not met, reinspection of the
consignment shall be conducted by a
Program import inspector in accord-
ance with established procedures pro-
vided in the regulations for other im-
ported products.

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§ 327.6 Products for importation; pro-
gram inspection, time and place;
application for approval of facilities
as official import inspection estab-
lishment; refusal or withdrawal of
approval; official numbers.

(a)(1) Except as provided in §§327.5(d)(1), 327.16 and 327.17, all prod-
ucts offered for entry from any foreign
country shall be reinspected by a Pro-
gram inspector before they shall be al-
lowed entry into the United States.

(2) Every lot of product shall rou-
tinely be given visual inspection by a
Program import inspector for appear-
ance and condition, and checked for
certification and label compliance, ex-
cept as provided in 327.5(d)(1).

(3) The computerized Automated Im-
port Information System (AIIS) shall
be consulted for reinspection instruc-
tions. The AIIS will assign reinspection
levels and procedures based on estab-
lished sampling plans and established
sampling plans and established product
and plant history.

(4) When the inspector deems it nec-
essary, the inspector may sample and
inspect lots not designated by AIIS.

(b) All products, required by this part
to be inspected, shall be inspected only
at an official establishment or at an of-
official import inspection establishment
approved by the Administrator as pro-
vided in this section. Such approved of-

(c) Owners or operators of establish-
ments, other than official establish-
ments, who want to have import in-
spections made at their establish-
ments, shall apply to the Adminis-
trator for approval of their establish-
ments for such purpose. Application
shall be made on a form furnished by
the Program, Food Safety and Inspec-
tion Service. The listing will cat-

erize the kind or kinds of product
which may be inspected at each official
import inspection establishment, based
on the adequacy of the facilities for
making such inspections and handling
such products in a sanitary manner.

(d) Approval for Federal import in-
spection shall be in accordance with
part 304 of this subchapter.

(e) Owners or operators of establish-
ments at which import inspections of

3 A copy of the sampling tables is available,
upon request, from the Import Inspection Di-
vision, International Programs, Food Safety
and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of
Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

2 For example: Canned product, boneless
meat, carcasses and cuts.