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assure that the product will not be adulterated or misbranded at the time of offer for entry.

(2) A system acceptable to the Administrator (upon his determination that the system will provide a reliable indication of the kinds and numbers of microorganisms present) for the microbiological testing of the finished product shall be installed by the processor, the product is subjected to such testing, and the results thereof are furnished to the Administrator and are acceptable to him as showing that the product has been prepared and handled in a sanitary manner.

(c) [Reserved]

[35 FR 15610, Oct. 3, 1970, as amended at 38 FR 29215, Oct. 23, 1973; 54 FR 41048, Oct. 5, 1989; 56 FR 38335, Aug. 13, 1991; 57 FR 27906, June 23, 1992]

**§ 327.4 Imported products; foreign certificates required.**

(a) Except as provided in § 327.16, each consignment containing any fresh meat or fresh meat byproducts consigned to the United States from a foreign country shall be accompanied by a foreign-meat-inspection certificate for fresh meat and meat byproducts in the following form:

**ORIGINAL**

**OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR FRESH MEAT AND MEAT BYPRODUCTS**

Place \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the meat and meat byproducts herein described were derived from livestock which received ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspections at time of slaughter in plants certified for importation of their products into the United States and are not adulterated or misbranded as defined by the regulations governing meat inspection of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and that said products have been handled in a sanitary manner in this country and are otherwise in compliance with requirements equivalent to those in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and said regulations.

Kind of product	Species of livestock derived from	Number of pieces or containers	Weight
_____	_____	_____	_____

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_____	_____	_____	_____

Identification marks on products and containers \_\_\_\_\_

Consignor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Establishment number \_\_\_\_\_

Consignee \_\_\_\_\_

Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping marks \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of official authorized by the national foreign government to issue inspection certificates for meat and meat byproducts exported to the United States) \_\_\_\_\_

(Official title) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Except as provided in § 327.16, each consignment containing any meat food product consigned to the United States from a foreign country shall be accompanied by a foreign-meat-inspection certificate for meat food products in the following form:

**ORIGINAL**

**OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS**

Place \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the meat food products herein described were derived from livestock which received ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspections at time of slaughter in plants certified for importation of their products into the United States, were handled in a sanitary manner, and were prepared under the continuous supervision of an inspector under control of the national meat inspection system and that said meat food products are not adulterated or misbranded as defined by the regulations governing meat inspection of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and are otherwise in compliance with requirements equivalent to those in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and said regulations.

I further certify that all products herein described that are prepared customarily to be eaten without cooking and contain muscle tissue of pork were treated for destruction of trichinae as prescribed in § 318.10 of the Meat Inspection Regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Kind of product	Species of live-stock derived from	Number of pieces or containers	Weight
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Identification marks on products and containers \_\_\_\_\_

Consignor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Establishment number \_\_\_\_\_

Consignee \_\_\_\_\_

Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping marks \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of official authorized by the national foreign government to issue inspection certificates for meat food product exported to the United States) \_\_\_\_\_

(Official title) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Each foreign meat-inspection certificate shall bear the official seal of the national government agency responsible for the inspection of the product and be signed and issued by an official authorized to sign and issue such certificates by the national government of the foreign country in which the product is inspected.

(d) Each foreign meat-inspection certificate shall be in both the English language and the language of the foreign country of origin.

(e) Except for product subject to procedures in § 327.5(d)(1), the foreign meat inspection certificate required by this section to accompany each consignment containing any product shall be delivered by the consignee, or his agent, in the United States to the Program import inspector at the place of inspection, and inspection of the product will not be commenced prior to such delivery.

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**§ 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 at such port in the United States, the name of the ship or other carrier transporting 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 consignments 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 establishments, 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 Information 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 consignment for reinspection, the representative shall:

(i) Select samples in accordance with USDA sampling tables.<sup>3</sup>

(ii) Identify and place samples in the vehicle for easy removal and reinspection 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

<sup>3</sup> A copy of the sampling tables is available, upon request, from the Import Inspection Division, International Programs, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.