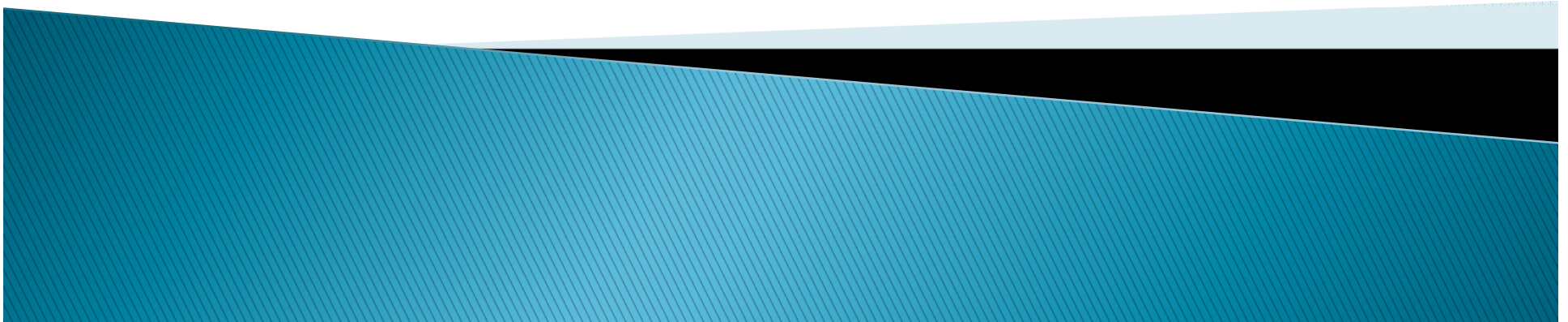


USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Export Certification Programs

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Agricultural Marketing Service

Mission is to facilitate the competitive and efficient marketing of agricultural products

Services support our customers in making verifiable claims about how their products are produced, processed and packaged



Laboratory – Pistachio Aflatoxin Program

Pistachios for export require an aflatoxin certificate from a AMS laboratory, or an AMS approved laboratory

An AMS approved laboratory, must meet specific quality requirements:

- ▶ testing of proficiency check samples
- ▶ annual on-site laboratory reviews



Dairy Export Certification Program

- ▶ Export Plant Letter (Generic)
- ▶ Sanitary Certificates (Load Specific)
- ▶ Country Specific Sanitary Certificates
- ▶ EU Health Certificates (Load Specific)
- ▶ EU Transit Certificates (Load Specific)



Dairy Export Certification Program

Dairy plants listed:

- ▶ Interstate Milk Shippers list,
- ▶ FDA maintained European Union Dairy Plant Reference list,
- ▶ Dairy Plants Surveyed and Approved for USDA Grading Service



Processed Fruit & Vegetable Export Certification

- ▶ AMS verification that processing facility meets Current Good Manufacturing Practices
- ▶ Evaluate product organoleptically
- ▶ Examine product for presence of foreign material and to assure wholesomeness
- ▶ Verify that product meets FDA defect action levels



Livestock – Pork for the European Union & Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Programs

- ▶ Cooperative Service between FSIS and AMS
 - FSIS has oversight of the slaughter/processing establishments
 - USDA verification that there are effective controls at the slaughter establishment
 - Establishment must be listed on the EU Approved Establishments
 - https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/traces/output/RPM_US_en.pdf



Livestock – Pork for the European Union & Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Programs

- AMS has oversight of the live animal production practices
 - Production system must be listed on the Official Listing of Approved PFEU Programs
 - <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRD3107503>



Poultry – Russian Federation Export Program

Verification by AMS or AMS approved third-party certifying contractor

- ▶ Sanitation of transport vehicles (cargo ships) prior to loading
- ▶ That product label information, presented for export is certified by FSIS as eligible for export to the Russian Federation
- ▶ Examination of condition of containers



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