



***Canada U.S. Regulatory Cooperation  
Council***

***Meat and Poultry Export Certification***

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# Overview of the initiative

## Objective:

- To reduce or eliminate redundant certification requirements, data elements and administrative procedures for shipments flowing between Canada and the U.S.

## Deliverable/Outcome:

- Streamline/eliminate certification requirements and procedures



# Progress update

- Work has been undertaken to simplify meat certification, including removal of redundant requirements and options for simplified certificates.
- On the U.S. side, the BSE Comprehensive Rule has been released. The new rule provides flexibility with respect to veterinary signatures.
- On the Canadian Side, a regulatory change has been made, which allows U.S. inspectors to sign export certificates for meat. CFIA has prepared a new certificate for approval by the FSIS.



## Next steps

- Finalize discussion between Canada and the U.S. on new certificates
- FSIS must finalize a rule related to import prior to implementing new certificates (U.S. Docket No. FSIS-2009-0022)
- Move forward with implementing new certificates including certificates signed by inspectors for beef and pork



## Continuing the Partnership

- Current collaboration is a good foundation for future work and provides a starting point for deeper regulatory cooperation
  - Next 2-3 year period as a transition to a new future steady state
  - Establish new processes and governance between Canadian and U.S. departments
- Fall consultation revealed continued support for continuation of joint work on certification and meat inspection
  - CFIA and USDA commitment to continue and considering future areas of work
- Next phase of RCC will feature:
  - commitments in specific areas and annual work plans including mechanisms to engage stakeholders in yearly work plan development
  - Department-to-Department regulatory partnership arrangements



# Questions

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