

SUOMI  FINLAND

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE
for export of beef, beef offal and their products from Finland to Japan**

I General information

I.1 Certificate number		I.2 Competent ministry of exporting country Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland	
I.3 Competent central authority of exporting country Finnish Food Authority		I.4 Competent local authority issuing this certificate	
I.5 Country of dispatch and ISO Code Finland FI		I.6 Country of destination and ISO Code Japan JP	
I.7 Consignor/exporter Name Address Email address		I.8 Consignee/importer Name Address Email address	
I.9 Place of loading		I.10 Place of destination	
I.11 Number of packages	I.12 Gross weight	I.13 Net weight	
I.14 Container number(s) / Seal number(s)			

II Identification of the product(s)

#	II.1 Slaughterhouse (name, address and approval number)	II.2 Cutting plant (name, address and approval number)	II.3 Processing plant (name, address and approval number)	II.4 Storage facility (name, address and approval number)
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#	II.5 Date(s) of slaughter	II.6 Date(s) of cutting	II.7 Date(s) of processing	II.8 Date(s) of packing
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#	II.9 Meat of animal species (scientific name)	II.10 Country of origin of animals/ beef and ISO code	II.11 Date(s) of import in case of imported cattle or beef from the third free countries or the specified countries	II.12 Type and name of products
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#	II.13 The kind of casing in case casing is used	II.14 The country of origin of the natural casing in case natural casing is used	II.15 The animal species of origin of the natural casing in case natural casing is used (scientific name)	II.16 Name, address and registration number of approved casing facilities in case natural casing is used
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III Attestation

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, do hereby certify that:

1. the cattle slaughtered for the production of the exported beef to Japan have been born and raised in Finland;
OR
the imported cattle slaughtered for the production of the exported beef to Japan have been directly and legally imported from the third free countries or the specified countries listed on MAFF's website without transiting through countries other than the said third free countries or the specified countries, and raised in Finland. The imported animals fulfil all the required conditions described in point 1 (including points 1.1 – 1.5) of Annex 1 of the Animal Health Requirements for beef, beef offal and their products to be exported to Japan from Finland;
OR
the imported beef used for the production of the exported beef to Japan has been derived from cattle that were born and raised only in the third free countries or specified countries listed on MAFF's website and has been directly and legally imported to Finland from the third free or specified country or has been imported stored in containers sealed with serially numbered seals of the national government of the third free or specified country. The imported beef fulfils all the required conditions described in point 2 (including points 2.1 – 2.6) of Annex 1 of the Animal Health Requirements for beef, beef offal and their products to be exported to Japan from Finland⁽¹⁾;
2. the slaughtered cattle were not suspect or confirmed BSE cases, or epidemiologically related to BSE cases;
3. the exported beef to Japan has been handled only at the designated facilities fulfilling all the required conditions described in Annex 1 of the Animal Health Requirements for beef, beef offal and their products to be exported to Japan from Finland;
4. the slaughtered cattle have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of ante mortem inspection conducted by the official veterinarian and post mortem inspection conducted by the official veterinarian or meat inspector under the supervision of the official veterinarian of the competent authority of Finland, or in case of imported beef, the competent authority of the third free countries or the specified countries;
5. the exported beef has been handled in such a way as to keep it from being contaminated with any causative agents of animal infectious diseases until shipment to Japan;
6. clean and sanitary wrappings and/or containers such as cardboard boxes have been used to pack the exported beef to Japan;
7. the commodities at the dispatch are sound and unconditionally fit for human consumption and the commodities have been dealt with, produced and packed under sanitary conditions and in accordance with livestock meat inspection requirements at least equivalent to that based on the legislation of Japan; and
8. all the required conditions described in the Export Verification Program for beef, beef offal and its products for export from Finland to Japan were fulfilled.

IV Additional animal health requirements

Additional animal health requirements for meat products in which natural casings are used ⁽¹⁾:

In case the casings are derived from cattle, sheep or goats:

1. the natural casings used for the production of exported meat products to Japan were derived from animals born and raised in countries other than the countries listed on MAFF's website as countries having a temporary import suspension associated with the occurrence of BSE;
2. in case the natural casings originate in the EU, the casings are derived from animals which were free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official inspectors of the EU Member State. In case the natural casings are imported from outside the EU, the casings have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of import inspection conducted by the official inspectors of EU Member State or confirmation of the health certificates issued by the government of the country of origin;
3. in case the natural casings are derived from animals originating from countries other than the countries listed on MAFF's website as free from rinderpest and FMD, the natural casings have after processing been salted and kept at a required temperature as specified in Animal Health Requirements for beef, beef offal and their products to be exported to Japan from Finland, Annex 4; and
4. the natural casings are handled only in the establishments handling only casings from countries other than countries where BSE has occurred.

In case the casings are derived from pigs:

1. in case the natural casings originate from animals slaughtered in Finland, the animals were free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official veterinary inspectors of the competent authority of Finland. In case the natural casings originate in the EU, the casings are derived from animals which were free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official inspectors of the EU Member State. In case the natural casings are imported from outside the EU, the casings have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of import inspection conducted by the official inspectors of EU Member State or confirmation of the health certificates issued by the government of the country of origin; and
2. in case the natural casings are derived from animals originating from countries other than the countries listed on MAFF's website as free from rinderpest, FMD, CSF and ASF, the natural casings have after processing been salted and kept at a required temperature as specified in Animal Health Requirements for beef, beef offal and their products to be exported to Japan from Finland, Annex 4.

Done at (place)

Date

Signature of the official veterinarian ⁽²⁾

Name clarification and official position in capital letters

Official stamp ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate

⁽²⁾ Signature and stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printed certificate