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Agreement Opens the Mexican Market to 70 U.S. Meat Processors

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Report Highlights:

70 U.S. meat processors are now eligible to export meat, poultry and meat products to Mexico as the result of the successful implementation of the common terms-of reference protocol. For the past year, the efficient listing and delisting procedures as established in the protocol have provided greater market access for U.S. meat processors and facilitated growth in trade of U.S. red meat and products and poultry meat exports to Mexico.

General Information:

FAS Mexico gained approval for 70 U.S. meat processors to export meat, poultry and products to Mexico. Furthermore, FAS Mexico assisted 31 U.S. meat processors in maintaining market access and assisted five U.S. meat processors to re-establish export eligibility.

These actions are the result of the successful implementation of the [common terms-of-reference protocol](#) between the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and The National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) that was signed on April 27, 2010. From May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, SENASICA granted market access to 70 U.S. meat processors. The protocol negotiations began in November 2008 by FAS Mexico, FSIS and SENASICA to establish rules for auditing and inspecting meat packing plants, the listing and delisting of eligible establishments for exporting to Mexico, and communication protocols between relevant government agencies. The common terms-of-reference ended an 18 month period of SENASICA's non-recognition of administrative changes to the list of plants eligible to export to Mexico.

Trade Impact: The terms-of-reference protocol facilitated the growth in trade of U.S. red meat and products and poultry meat exported to Mexico. Shipments expanded to \$2.64 billion during May 2010 to April 2011 compared to \$2.29 billion for the same period for the previous year.

Attached is a comprehensive list of the 70 U.S. meat processors that are now eligible to export their meat products to Mexico.

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