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BiH Recognizes Freezing as a Method for Inactivation of Trichinella

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Report Highlights:

Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) State Veterinary Office recently announced it would accept a new import certificate for pork which recognizes freezing as an accepted temperature treatment for trichinella per the international guidelines set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the European Union as well. The new certificate eliminates a long standing non tariff barrier to US pork exports. In 2012, BiH imported approximately 5,000 MT of pork valued at USD\$17.5 million.

General Information:

On October 7, BiH's State Veterinary Office (SVO) announced it would accept a new import certificate for pork (Annex I: Health Certificate for Import of Domestic Swine Meat Into Bosnia and Herzegovina) which recognizes freezing as an accepted temperature treatment for trichinella per the international guidelines set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the European Union as well. The new certificate eliminates a long standing non tariff barrier to US pork exports. BiH's current annual market size for pork is estimated at 22,000 MT. In 2012 BiH imported approximately 5,000 MT of pork valued at \$17.5 million (26 million KM). Pork was mostly imported from Austria, Germany and Hungary.