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Uruguay Import Product and Label Requirements for U.S. Animal Products

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Report Highlights:

All imported animal products intended for human consumption, excluding dairy products, must be registered with Uruguay's Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture, and Fisheries. This report expands on the product registration in terms of labeling and monograph requirements for animal products, by-products and derivative products intended for human consumption, excluding dairy, for importation to Uruguay.

PRODUCT AND LABELING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS, BY-PRODUCTS AND DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS, EXCLUDING DAIRY PRODUCTS, FROM THE UNITED STATES TO URUGUAY

Product Registration

In compliance with Resolution No. 315 dated September 28, 2017, all imported animal products and by-products intended for human consumption, excluding dairy products, must be registered only once with the Animal Industry Division (DIA), General Directorate of Livestock Services (DGSG) within the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture, and Fisheries (MGAP). This resolution regulates product registration in terms of labeling and monograph requirements for the importation into Uruguay.

For products arriving from the United States, the following product registration requirements will apply:

Monograph Requirements

1. The requirements for the registration of monographs apply to those other than the category of single ingredient products. For example, chilled or frozen meat, frozen sweetbreads, and other products that do not have other substances or processes added in their composition will not need to register their monographs.
2. The requirement for the signature of a U.S. Government authority on a monograph submitted for registration for any U.S. origin animal product or by-product intended for human consumption, excluding dairy products, is waived. However, a Quality Control representative from the company producing the product must sign the monograph, and must be responsible for quality control of the products listed on the monograph.
3. The monograph must include the following information:
 - Identification of the establishment of origin, meaning the establishment where the product was manufactured, including name, address and establishment official number.
 - Product identification, including brand name, product name, and whether the product will be destined for direct consumption or further processing.
 - HACCP Process Category: according to U.S. requirements (9 CFR 417.2(b) (1).
 - Ingredient list by percentage in decreasing order. Uruguay agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the ingredient list and percentages. In the case of "seasoning" or "flavoring" formulas, the percentage of the total mixture and the declaration of the ingredients will be required, without detailing the percentage of each of them.

- Product manufacturing process, including a flow chart of the various stages of the production process.
- Shelf life and the validation of the method by which the basis was calculated, which can be microbiological, physiochemical, sensory studies, etc.
- Presentation type and packaging system: For example, presentation type could be a box of hamburgers in packages of 6, 12, or 48 units. Packaging system example could be vacuum packed.
- Storage conditions at the establishment of origin – i.e., frozen (either at the processing plant or storage facility)
- Description of the proper handling and preservation of the product.

Monograph Submission/Response

The product monograph is commonly provided to MGAP by the Uruguayan importer, however, MGAP will accept industry monograph submissions directly from U.S. industry at the following address: secretariadia@mgap.gub.uy

Labelling Requirements

Importers are responsible for submitting labels to MGAP. Labels must be bilingual (English/Spanish) and must include the following information:

- Product name and brand name
- Name, address, and official approval number of the establishment of origin.
- Lot identification
- Production date
- Expiration date
- Net weight
- Safe handling statement (keep frozen or keep refrigerated)
- Importer name, address and RUT No.
- Registration Numbers (provided by MGAP:

No. REG. MONOGRAFIA MGAP/DGSG/DIA M.....

No. REG. ROTULO MGAP/DGSG/DIA R.....

An Additional Note: Local Product Registration Requirements for Processed Products

Imported animal products and by-products intended for human consumption, excluding dairy products, must also be registered in the *Departamento* (equivalent to a state in the U.S.) where the product will be sold, a process normally handled by the importer. For additional information on this aspect, please work with your importer or for any additional assistance, contact the Office of Agricultural Affairs in Buenos Aires at agbuenosaires@fas.usda.gov.