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Macao Allows Newly Accepted Beef Cuts from the U.S.

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Report Highlights:

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Summary

The Macao Government has confirmed that they started to accept U.S. bone-in beef derived from cattle under 30 months of age and boneless beef from cattle of all ages when shipments are accompanied by FSIS health certificates issued for Hong Kong on or after August 1, 2013. Products with production date earlier than August 1, 2013 are still acceptable as long as health certificates are dated on or after August 1.

Before this newly expansion of U.S. beef product cuts, Macao just allowed U.S. boneless beef derived from cattle under 30 months of age.

While there continues to be no official protocol between Macau and FSIS to issue health certificates directly for the Special Administrative Region, Macau accepts shipments accompanied by FSIS health certificates issued for Hong Kong. Macau traders generally obtain U.S. beef shipments via Hong Kong. Hong Kong opened the market to U.S. bone-in beef from cattle less than 30 months of age and boneless beef from cattle regardless of age this February.