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Report Highlights:

This report is an update of the Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards – Narrative report with special attention to U.S. exporters of meat and poultry products on the procedures for registering U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) federally inspected establishments with the Government of Colombia (GOC). New informational requirements for exporting establishments include: GPS coordinates, product Harmonized Standard (HS) codes, and the mode of preservation.

General Information:

Procedures for Export Establishment Registration:

Under the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, Colombia agrees to recognize U.S. inspection systems and inspected establishments for meat and poultry products. Moreover, the GOC will only recognize those establishments that are listed in the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Meat and Poultry Inspection Directory. As well, beef products must also originate from establishments approved under the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Export Verification Program.

In addition, the GOC Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MHSP) maintains a procedure requiring all U.S. exporting establishments to register with the National Institute for the Surveillance of Food and Medicines (INVIMA). In order to register with INVIMA, exporting establishments must provide the following information:

- Country of Origin
- Establishment Name
- Establishment Number
- Address
- Email address
- *GPS Location
- *Products that will be exported to Colombia with their Harmonized Standard (HS) Code
- *Mode of preservation (e.g. chilled or refrigerated)

(*Indicates new information required by INVIMA.)

The information (and updates with the new, additional information) should be provided in a formal letter - in Spanish - and sent via courier or private post to:

INVIMA
Dirección de Alimentos y Bebidas
Carrera 10 No 64 -28
Bogotá D.C.- Colombia

To avoid potential port of entry problems, before shipping products it will be critical to verify the listing of the U.S. exporting establishment after submitting the required registration information through the following web site:

https://www.invima.gov.co/images/pdf/inspeccion_y_vigilancia/direccion-alimentos/acceso-mercados/30-09-2014/Copia%20de%20CONSOLIDADO%20ESTABLECIMIENTOS%20AUTORIZADOS%20POR%20EL%20INVIMA%20-%202026-09-2014.pdf