

Background and FSIS Export Library Language

This document provides questions and answers on the registration and label approval requirements necessary to ship processed meat products to Uruguay.

*All processed animal products exported to Uruguay intended for human consumption, excluding dairy products, must register a product monograph and label only once with the Animal Industry Division (DIA), General Directorate of Livestock Services (DGSG) within the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture, and Fisheries (MGAP) prior to embarkation of the product. Single ingredient products that do not have added substances, and non-processed (i.e. fresh/frozen raw) products are not required to register a monograph but are required to register a label with MGAP prior to embarkation. For more information about this process, please see the Foreign Agricultural Service's [Global Agricultural Information Network report; Uruguay Import and Label Requirements for U.S. Animal Product](#). **Link:***

<https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Import%20Product%20and%20Label%20Requirements%20for%20U.S.%20Animal%20Products%20Buenos%20Aires%20Uruguay%208-27-2019> The monograph must be signed by the individual at the producing establishment responsible for quality control.

*Processed meat and poultry products must be registered with the Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo, and receive a Certificate of Marketing from Technical Laboratory of Uruguay. For more information about this process, please see the Foreign Agricultural Service's [Global Agricultural Information Network report](#) Processed Meat and Poultry Products Import Requirements for Uruguay. **Link:***
<https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/report/downloadreportbyfilename?filename=Processed%20Meat%20and%20Poultry%20Products%20Import%20Requirements%20for%20Uruguay%20Buenos%20Aires%20Uruguay%207-10-2013.pdf> All submitted documents must be accompanied with a Spanish translation.

Meat and poultry products exporters should verify that a valid import permit has been issued to the importer prior to shipment.

Referenced from the [FSIS Export Library "Other Requirements" for Uruguay](#), updated on 10/22/20.

FAQs

Q: Which products require submission of a monograph of how the product is processed and/or packed?

A: A monograph submission is required only for processed meat products. Single muscle cuts and offals are exempt. However, label registration is required for all products, including single muscle cuts and offals. See more information below.

Q: Who is responsible for signing the monograph?

A: The individual at the producing establishment responsible for quality control must sign the document. As a commercial document, it does not require a USDA signature.

FAQs on Uruguayan Product Registration and Labeling



Q: Can a company validation summary be presented to meet the thermally processed product certification requirement?

A: Yes.

Q: How are the monograph and label approval documents submitted to MGAP?

A: A PDF file signed by a responsible representative of the processing plant may be submitted electronically. The exporter provides the documents to the importer who then presents them to MGAP. All submitted documents must be bilingual or in Spanish.

Q: Which labels must be submitted to MGAP?

A: MGAP must approve box and product/case-ready (if applicable) labels prior to shipping. This is a requirement for all products, including single muscle cuts and offals. During this process, Uruguay may make suggestions or changes to the label. Labeling requirements (which include expiration date, importer name, and registration numbers) can be found in the [FSIS Export Library for Uruguay](#).

The form can be accessed here: <https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-ganaderia-agricultura-pesca/tramites-y-servicios/formularios/forms-instructivos-registro-rotulos-monografias-carne-prod-subp> at “*Instructivo Registro de rótulos*.”

Q: Do box and case-ready labels require an expiration date?

A: Yes, an expiration date is required by MGAP for all labels. MM/DD/YYYY format is to be used.

Q: Do box labels have to be bilingual?

A: Yes, bilingual box labels are required and must be applied prior to FSIS inspection in the U.S. and export to Uruguay.

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