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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH
READINESS POLICY AND OVERSIGHT)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH
SERVICES POLICY AND OVERSIGHT)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND POLICY)
DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: DoD Procurement of Ruminant Products from Overseas Origin

References: See Attachment (1).

This Defense Health Agency-Interim Procedures Memorandum (DHA-IPM), based on the authority of References (a) and (b), and in accordance with References (c) through (h), establishes the Defense Health Agency's (DHA) procedures to authorize the procurement of all ruminant meat (beef, sheep, goat, bison, etc.) and edible products from ruminants of overseas origin. DoD procurement of ruminant meat and meat products will align with current United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) restrictions and residual risk mitigation measures for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in accordance with the most current edition of Reference (f). Overseas procurement of ruminant meat and meat products by DoD will be limited to sources listed in References (e) and (g) as a negligible or controlled risk for BSE.

In addition to the listing of the final processor and any sub-contractors supplying ruminant meat products to the primary contractor in Reference (e), the final ruminant meat processor delivering product to DoD requires food protection audits in accordance with References (d) and (f) and listing in Reference (h). Veterinary Service Food Protection Audits will verify the sanitary conditions of the manufacturing plant are equivalent to USDA sanitary requirements. Personnel from the U.S. Army Veterinary Service will coordinate the inspection systems necessary to ensure required public health lot certification and traceability of subject product.

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This DHA-IPM is effective upon signature. It will expire 1 year from the date of signature in accordance with Reference (c). The point of contact for this DHA-IPM is COL Chad A. Weddell who may be reached at (703) 681-3062 or chad.a.weddell.mil@mail.mil.

/S/
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Director

Attachment:

As stated

cc:

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Surgeon General of the Army

Surgeon General of the Navy

Surgeon General of the Air Force

Director of Health, Safety, and Work-Life, U.S. Coast Guard

Medical Officer of the Marine Corps

Surgeon General of the National Guard Bureau

ATTACHMENT

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 5136.01, “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)),” September 30, 2013, as amended
- (b) DoD Directive 5136.13, “Defense Health Agency (DHA),” September 30, 2013
- (c) DHA-Procedural Instruction 5025.01, “Publication System,” August 24, 2018
- (d) DoD Directive 6400.04E, "DoD Veterinary Public and Animal Health Services," June 27, 2013, Incorporating Change 2, August 29, 2017
- (e) Deputy Secretary of Defense Action Memo, "Transition of Executive Agent Responsibilities to the Defense Health Agency," May 27, 2014¹
- (f) AR 40-657/NAVSUP 4355.4H/MCO 10110.31H, "Veterinary/Medical Food Safety, Quality Assurance, and Laboratory Service," January 21 2005
- (g) United States Department of Agriculture Website, “Eligible Foreign Establishments”²
- (h) Code of Federal Regulations Title 9, Part 94
- (i) United States Department of Agriculture Website, “Import Library”³
- (j) U.S. Army Medical Command Circular, “Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement,” November 1, 2018, as amended

¹ This reference can be found at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-751547>

² This reference can be found at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/importing-products/eligible-countries-products-foreign-establishments/eligible-foreign-establishments>

³ This reference can be found at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/importing-products/eligible-countries-products-foreign-establishments/eligible-countries-and-products>