

REGULATION 27.—IMPORTED MEAT AND PRODUCTS.

SECTION 1. *Paragraph 1.* This regulation shall apply only to meat and products derived from cattle, sheep, swine, and goats.

Paragraph 2. The term "United States," as used in this regulation, includes Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico.

SECTION 2. Whenever it shall be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, after due investigation, that the system of meat-inspection maintained by any foreign country is not the substantial equivalent of, or is not as efficient as, the system established and maintained by the United States, or that the inspection made by any foreign country is not the substantial equivalent of, or is not as efficient as, the inspection made by the United States, or that reliance cannot be placed upon certificates required under this regulation from authorities of such foreign country, due notice will be given of that fact by Proclamation or otherwise, and thereafter no meat or product as to which the inspection or certification is determined to be insufficient shall be admitted into the United States from such foreign country.

SECTION 3. *Paragraph 1.* No meat or product of a kind forbidden entry into, or forbidden to be sold or restricted in sale in, the country in which the animal from which it was derived was slaughtered, or in which the article was prepared or processed, shall be admitted into the United States.

Paragraph 2. No meat or product which contains or has been treated with any preservative, colouring-matter, or other substance, except as permitted by Regulation 18 [see extract from Regulation 18 printed at end], shall be admitted into the United States. No article of a kind mentioned in paragraph 4 of section 7 of Regulation 18, unless treated in compliance therewith, shall be admitted into the United States.

Paragraph 3. No meat or product which bears, or the container of which bears, any statement, design, or device prohibited by sections 7 to 11, inclusive, of Regulation 17 [see extract from Regulation 17 printed at end], or which is in any respect misbranded or adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, shall be admitted into the United States.

Paragraph 4. No meat-trimmings in pieces too small to permit of adequate inspection upon arrival shall be admitted into the United States.

Paragraph 5. No inedible grease, inedible tallow, or other inedible rendered fat shall be admitted into the United States unless both ends of each container, such as barrels, tierces, or tank-cars, are painted white and conspicuously stencilled or burned with the name of the product and the word "inedible" in letters not less than 2 in. high, or, in the case of tank-cars, not less than 4 in. high.

Paragraph 6. Grease, tallow, and other rendered fat which is capable of being used for food by man, for inspection purposes will be dealt with as edible unless otherwise declared on the invoice. Shipments of grease, tallow, and other rendered fat offered for importation for industrial purposes should be accompanied by a declaration stating that fact.

SECTION 4. No meat or product offered for importation from any foreign country shall be admitted into the United States except upon compliance with all the requirements of this regulation applicable to it.

SECTION 5. *Paragraph 1.* Except as provided in section 11 of this regulation, each consignment containing any meat or product, consigned to the United States from the foreign country of the slaughter of the animals from which it was derived, and transported from such foreign country without unloading in any other foreign country for any purpose except transfer from one carrier to another in the course of continuous transportation to the United States, shall be accompanied by a foreign-meat-inspection certificate in the following form:—

OFFICIAL MEAT-INSPECTION CERTIFICATE OF COUNTRY OF SLAUGHTER.

(For continuous shipment of meat and meat food products to United States.)

Place..... Date.....
(City.) (Country.)

I hereby certify that the meat and meat food products herein described were derived from cattle, sheep, swine, or goats which received *ante mortem* and *post mortem* veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter, and that such meat and meat food products are sound, healthful, wholesome, and otherwise fit for human food, and have not been treated with, and do not contain, any preservative, colouring-matter, or other substance not permitted by the regulations of the United States Secretary of Agriculture governing