

What do I need to do if I want my cattle eligible to export as beef to China?

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1. Cattle must be traceable to the farm of birth using a unique identifier
 - a. Must use a 1-time use tamper evident tag (Program Compliant Tag, PCT) at the farm of birth. These tags should be available from the PVP or QSA provider.
 - b. PCT must be accessible by AMS to verify compliance
2. Must be less than 30 months of age. This can be assessed at the packing plant using dentition as done for export to Japan.
3. Must be through an approved USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LSOfficialListingQSA.pdf>) or a USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Official%20Listing%20of%20Approved%20Processes%20Verified%20Programs%20for%20Service%20Providers.pdf>)
4. Must be sold to an approved supplier (USDA Bovine EV China program, <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LSOfficialListingEVProgram.pdf>)
5. Prohibited (beef will be tested and rejected if residues are found)
 - a. Ractopamine
 - b. Growth promotants (including implants)
6. Cattle already enrolled in USDA source and age, NHTC or natural programs may already be eligible.
7. For more details:
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/GU7163DDAEVChinaProgram.pdf>
8. What can I do now to have calves potentially eligible for export to China?
 - a. Tag with an approved tag at the farm of birth (must be from an approved, certifying company)
 - b. Consider registering for a premise ID (<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/premiseIdentificationProgram.asp>)
 - c. Stay informed of developments and opportunities with approved market outlets for export, approved PVP providers and potential market premiums.
 - d. Premiums for the feeder or slaughter cattle developed to meet the requirements for export to China will depend on supply and demand, and will likely evolve as the market is developed.

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