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Report Name: Ghana Officially Opens its Market to US Pork and Pork Products Export

Country: Ghana

Post: Accra

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Report Highlights:

In a signed letter to the Veterinary Medical Officer of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), dated January 12, 2023, the Acting Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ghanaian Veterinary Services Directorate of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture acknowledged receipt of the FSIS' proposed certificate of export for pork and pork products, and confirmed its acceptance. The Ghanaian market is now officially open to U.S. exports of pork and pork products in addition to other meat products from the United States.

General Information

Market access request for pork and pork products was made by USDA’s FSIS on October 24, 2022 and facilitated by FAS Accra. FSIS proposed the use of the FSIS 9060-5 export certificate form for pork and pork products from the United States to Ghana.

Responding to the request by USDA’s FSIS to confirm the acceptance of the proposed export certificate for pork and pork products, the Chief Veterinary Officer of Ghana’s Veterinary Services Directorate of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture indicated in a signed letter dated January 12, 2023, that Ghana will accept the proposed export certificate by the FSIS, to cover all U.S. meat products, including beef, goat, lamb, pork, poultry, etc.

Ghana’s imported pork and pork products market was valued at \$16 million in 2021. Total imports increased steadily from 2017, hitting 15,000 metric tons (MT) in 2021. The market is dominated by the EU, with the United States not being a significant player. The opening of the market to U.S. pork and pork products is therefore an opportunity that can be exploited by U.S. exporters.

Table 1: Top 10 Pork and Pork Products Exporters to Ghana (2017-2021; Jan.-Sept. 2022)

Country	Complete Years					January – September	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021	2022
Belgium	2,022	1,705	1,947	2,477	3,823	2,939	2,888
Poland	536	508	581	2,431	3,154	2,872	1,238
Germany	1,206	969	929	1,233	2,506	2,155	1,337
Netherlands	377	773	1,463	1,726	1,538	1,158	862
Ireland	0	712	179	25	991	516	829
Romania	0	0	0	764	698	598	24
Spain	70	52	94	163	397	242	764
Ukraine	0	3	23	78	390	326	21
UK	100	83	221	52	320	272	280
France	96	84	105	184	295	179	135
Others	424	422	574	760	1,062	982	610
Total (MT)	4,831	5,311	6,116	9,893	15,174	12,239	8,988

Source: Trade Data Monitor LLC, 2023

The link below provides access to the sample export certificate:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/FSIS-Form-sample-9060-5.pdf>

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Attachments:

No Attachments.