

**U.S. Meat Export Federation
Foreign Import Barrier Data Base**

Country: Russia¹

Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen, dried or smoked

Description	6 Digit Tariff Number	2000 Applied Tariff (Percent)	Not less than Euros/kg	Other: VAT
Fresh or chilled carcasses and half- carcasses	020110	15	.2	10
Other fresh or chilled cuts with bone in	020120			
Fresh or chilled, boneless	020130			
Frozen carcasses and half-carcasses	020210	15	.15	10
Other frozen cuts with bone in	020220			
Frozen, boneless	020230	15	.20	10
Salted, in brine, dried, or smoked	021020	15	.4	20

¹ Please note that this tariff information was pulled from FAS Attaché Report, Livestock and Products Annual, Russian Federation, August 7, 2000. The Russian government in November 2000 approved new import customs duties, which will be in force as of January 1, 2001, and can be found on the Russian Virtual Custom House at http://www.vch.ru/eng/instruction_eng.html. Please be forewarned that these are in Russian.

Pork, fresh, chilled or frozen, dried or smoked²

Description	6 Digit Tariff Number	2000 Applied Tariff (Percent)	Not less than Euros/kg	Other: VAT
Fresh or chilled carcasses or half-carcasses	020311	15	.25	10
Fresh or chilled hams, shoulders and cuts thereof with bone in	020312	15	.25	10
Other fresh or chilled pork products	020319	15	.25	10
Frozen carcasses or half-carcasses	020321	15	.20	10
Frozen hams, shoulders and cuts thereof with bone in	020322	15	.20	10
Other frozen pork products	020329	15	.25	10
Salted, in brine, dried or smoked bellies and cuts thereof with bone in	021011	15	.4	20
Salted, in brine, dried or smoked bellies and cuts thereof	021012	15	.4	20
Other salted, in brine, dried or smoked pork products	021019	15	.4	20

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Pork, processed

Description	6 Digit Tariff Number	2000 Applied Tariff (Percent)	Not less than Euros/kg	Other VAT
Sausages and similar products and preparations based on these products	160100. 100	20	.4	10
	.900	15	N/A	
Hams and cuts thereof, in airtight containers	160241	15	.4	
Shoulders and cuts thereof	160242			
Other processed pork, including mixtures	160249			

Beef, processed

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Sausages and similar products and preparations based on these products	160100. 100	20	.4	10
	.900	15	N/A	
Other prepared or preserved beef products	160250	15	.4	

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General Information:

For further information please see the Russian State Customs Committee Website:
www.custom-house.ru

Additional Import Information:

Customs Processing Fee

A customs processing fee of .15% of the cost is also levied. Customs duties are payable in hard currency or rubles at the current exchange rate. According to customs regulations, processing should take no longer than one month. If goods are refused entry by Russian Customs, regulations call for their return to the country of origin.

Product Standards/Certificates:

The Russian government does not recognize many international standards such as the ISO-9000 system. Instead, many imported products destined for sale or use in the Russian market must have a certificate of conformity issued by the Russian State Standards Committee (Gosstandart). Other agencies are also involved in certification, including the Ministry of Agriculture (for food products). Once received, the certificate of conformity is valid for 3 years and must accompany every shipment. Copies of certificates are acceptable if they are affixed with original seals of the US company. Russian retailers are obliged to have on hand certificates for all imported products sold in their stores. Notably, US firms complain of obscure standards and compliance process, unreasonably high demands, and excessive costs of certification testing.

Membership in Free Trade Agreements:

Russia currently participates in a free trade agreement with the CIS. Russia has an association agreement with the EU (effective December 1997), proposes to join the WTO and currently receives MFN treatment and GSP status from the US. A customs union with Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan has been formed, but is not operational.

³ DOC, US Commercial Service, Country Commercial Guide, Russian Federation, FY 2001.