

FOAG – High Quality Beef

1. General

1.1 Background

Anyone importing beef of high quality (known as "[High Quality Beef](#)") within the partial tariff quota No. 05.7 requires a certificate in accordance with Article 25a of the [Slaughter Cattle Ordinance \(SICO\)](#). The certificate must be signed by the [competent authority of the country of delivery](#).

1.2 Legal basis and information

- Ordinance of 26 November 2003 on the market on slaughter cattle and meat (Slaughter Cattle Ordinance, SICO; [SR 916.341](#))

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff headings that are relevant from an agricultural law perspective contain the note «Non-customs provisions: FOAG - High Quality Beef».

1.4 Definitions

High Quality Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beef meat with customs tariff numbers 0201.2091/821*, 822*, 918, and 919, 0201.3091/821*, 822, 918 and 919, 0202.2091/821*, 822*, 918 and 919, 0202.3091/821*, 822*, 918 and 919, which meets the criteria set out in the information sheet "Definition High Quality Beef" issued by the FOAG. <p><i>*If US-High Quality Beef is imported under the «USBeef» tariff quota, the same requirements and regulations apply to this meat.</i></p>
High Quality Beef certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- An official document issued by the competent authority of the country of delivery confirming the quality as High Quality Beef. The certificate must contain a reference to the SICO in section 5.

2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone importing High Quality Beef within the tariff quota must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the regulation requirement and indicate the High Quality Beef certificate in accordance with the SICO.

Identification Regulation	e-dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NZE mandatory code "Yes"- NZE type code 703 "FOAG - High Quality Beef"
Additional details	"Documentation" section type "2500 High Quality Beef Certificate" <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Format: "High Quality Certificate number, date, additional information"
Presentation of the supporting document	The High Quality Beef certificate must be presented in physical form at the request of the FOCBS.

3. Further information

In the event of missing or invalid certificates, customs clearance within the partial tariff quota will be refused.

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