USDA SPECIFICATION FOR CHARACTERISTICS OF CATTLE ELIGIBLE FOR
APPROVED BRANDED BEEF PROGRAMS CLAIMING WAGYU INFLUENCE

1. SCOPE

This specification sets forth the requirements for live cattle from which carcasses can be
derived for certification in approved branded beef programs claiming Wagyu influence.
Cattle may qualify for the breed influence specification of these branded beef programs by
meeting the Genotype requirement specified below.

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Genotype  Cattle eligible for Wagyu influence certified beef programs must have
positive identification (e.g. ear tags, tattoos, brands) and be traceable to provable (e.g.
registration papers) Wagyu parentage. Qualifying cattle must be traceable to at least one
registered parent (Fullblood or Purebred). The registration categories can be viewed at
www.wagyu.org. For an animal to qualify as Wagyu, subsequently allowing the meat from
the animal to be eligible to claim Wagyu influence, the animal must be an offspring of:

2.1.1 A registered sire of at least 15/16 or 93.75% Wagyu blood (i.e. Fullblood or
Purebred) or;

2.1.2 A registered dam of at least 15/16 or 93.75% Wagyu blood (i.e. Fullblood or
Purebred);

3. VERIFICATION

3.1 Genotype. Compliance with genotype requirements shall be determined and controlled
through a quality management program approved and monitored by the Livestock, Poultry and
Seed Program.