Chinese Sausage - Lop Chong (Sometimes spelled lop ch'eung or lap xuong)

| U.S. | Ingredient | Metric |
|----------|-------------------|----------|
| 5.0 lb. | Pork butt | 2250.0 g |
| 0.75 lb. | Pork fat | 350.0 g |
| 5.0 Tbs. | Sucrose | 72.0 g |
| 0.25 cup | Thin soy sauce | 50.0 ml |
| 0.25 cup | Chinese rice wine | 50.0 ml |
| 1.5 Tbs. | Salt | 35.0 g |
| 1.0 tsp. | Prague powder #2 | 7.0 g |
| 2.0 tsp. | Five-spice powder | 3.0 g |
| 1.0 tsp. | White pepper | 3.0 g |
| | 28 mm casings | |

6 lb. \leftarrow Totals \rightarrow 2.8 kg

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Note: Use metric weight & volume measurement for better control of ingredients. The U.S. measurements are an approximation of the metric measurements.

METHOD:

- 1. Grind meat through coarse disc (twice) then add the diced fat.
- 2. Mix all dry ingredients separately, in a large stainless steel bowl or pot
- 3. Add dry ingredients to the meat- mix well.
- 4. Add the liquids; blend until well mixed.
- 5. Hold under refrigeration for 24 hours (covered) to allow mixture to develop flavor.
- 6. Stuff into 28 mm sausage casings.
- 7. Place in pre-heated smoker at 160°F until internal temp is 140°F.
- 8. Allow to dry at room temperature for 5+ days or until they lose about 30% of their weight.

Notes: Use Shaohsing Rice Wine; if you can't get Chinese rice wine, you can substitute dry sherry, saki or vodka--I didn't notice much difference. The soy sauce I use is "Koon Chun Thin Soy" brand from Hong Kong. If you can't get five spice powder, a passable substitute may be made by grinding the following in a "coffee mill": Szechwan peppercorns (1 tsp) [don't substitute black pepper]; Star anise (4 whole); cinnamon (1 stick); whole cloves (1/2 tsp) and whole fennel seeds (2 tsp).

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