

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Meat Derived from Cloven-hoofed Animals

(TRANSLATION)

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Article 1

1. Definition

- 1.1 "Free country (zone)" or "infected country (zone)" refers to a country (or zone) which has been or has not yet been recognized by the central competent authority as being free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia or African swine fever, pursuant to Article 33 of the "Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Diseases".
- 1.2 "Cloven-hoofed animals" refers to animals which include cattle, sheep, goat, pigs, deer and the other animals as designated by the central competent authority of this country.
- 1.3 "Meat" refers to products including carcasses, meat and internal organs derived from cloven-hoofed animals and the products manufactured by using the aforementioned carcasses, meat and internal organs.
- 1.4 "Designated establishments" refer to establishments for producing meat, which include slaughterhouses, cutting plants, processing plants, cold stores and warehouses.

Article 2

This Requirements may not apply to an exporting country which has signed a bilateral agreement with this country to include the relevant quarantine requirements.

Article 3

The exporting country (zone) shall be a disease-free country (zone).

Article 4

The ante- and post-mortem inspection system in the slaughtering of the exporting country shall meet the requirements as set by the relevant regulations of this country.

Article 5

5.1 To export meat derived from cloven-hoofed animals to this country, the competent authority of the exporting country shall submit an application accompanied by relevant data on its meat inspection system to the animal quarantine authority of this country for approval. The approval process includes document review and on-site inspections, to confirm that the inspection system of slaughtering of the exporting country meet the requirements set by the relevant regulations of this country. The necessary expenses for the inspection shall be borne by the exporting country. In addition, they must be in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

5.2 Relevant Data as specified in Article 5.1 include the following content:

5.2.1 The questionnaire filled out by the competent authority of the exporting country and the relevant information attached.

5.2.2 The documents (basic data sheet) filled out by the establishment(s) and forwarded by the competent authority of the exporting country.

5.3 The animal quarantine authority of this country may review the relevant data mentioned in 5.2.1, to assess the poultry meat inspection system and the official management and supervision measures of the exporting country. The result of the reviewing process and the on-site audit may determine if systematic approval can be adopted.

Article 6

Cloven-hoofed animals slaughtered in the designated establishments shall be born and raised in the exporting country. However, this provision does not apply if the cloven-hoofed animals are imported from a third country (zone) and the third country (zone) conforms to the following requirements:

6.1. The third country (zone) shall be a disease-free country (zone).

6.2. The cloven-hoofed animals shall be born and raised in the third country.

6.3. The cloven-hoofed animals shall be inspected by the competent authority of the third country and be found free from clinical evidence of any contagious disease.

6.4. The cloven-hoofed animals shall be imported directly from the third country and shall not be transshipped through an infected country (zone).

Article 7

7.1 The meat cut and processed in the designated establishments shall originate from cloven-hoofed animals slaughtered in the exporting country. However, this provision does not apply if the meat are slaughtered in a third country (zone) which conforms to the following requirements:

- 7.1.1. The third country (zone) shall be a disease-free country (zone).
- 7.1.2. The meat shall originate from cloven-hoofed animals born and raised in the third country.
- 7.1.3. The meat shall come from the designated establishments in the third country which are approved by the competent authority of this country.
- 7.1.4. The meat shall be imported directly from the third country and shall not be transshipped through an infected country (zone).

Article 8

The designated establishments shall record the species, place of origin of the cloven-hoofed animals, dates of slaughtering, processing, and quantity of each batch of the meat, which was slaughtered, cut, processed, or stored in the establishment.
The records shall be kept for at least two years.

Article 9

A sample copy of veterinary certificate and official stamp from the competent authority of the exporting country shall be submitted for approval by the animal quarantine authority of this country before it can be used.

Article 10

The competent authority of the exporting country shall have official veterinarians at the designated establishments to conduct inspections of the designated establishments on a regular basis. If an establishment is found to have any non-compliance with this Requirements, the competent authority of the exporting country shall nullify its qualification as a designated establishment, stop the export of its meat to this country, and inform the animal quarantine authority of this country regarding the details of the event. After the non-compliance has been corrected, the competent authority of the exporting country shall inform the animal quarantine authority of this country.

Article 11

The cloven-hoofed animals shall pass the ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by the official inspectors in the designated establishments. While in the designated establishments or being transported, the meat shall be kept in sanitary conditions and be free from contamination by pathogenic organisms or toxic substances and shall also be transported with clean and sanitary containers. The package or the surface of the meat shall bear the stamp of the competent authority of the exporting country indicating the registration numbers of the designated establishments.

Article 12

If necessary, the animal quarantine authority of this country may send inspectors to conduct on-site re-inspections of the exporting country. Necessary expenses for the re-inspection shall be borne by the exporting country, also they must be in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. If the exporting country does not accept the inspection or non-compliance with this Requirements has been found, the central competent authority of this country may suspend the importation of the poultry meat from the exporting country or from the relevant designated establishments.

Article 13

If the shipment needs to be transshipped through a third country (zone) during transport, it shall comply with the requirements of the "Rules of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container".

Article 14

If foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia or African swine fever has occurred in the exporting country, or the meat has been contaminated by toxic substances, the competent authority of the exporting country shall immediately suspend the export of the meat of concern to this country and inform the animal quarantine authority of this country regarding the details of the event.

Article 15

15.1 An original veterinary certificate issued by the quarantine authority of the exporting country in English, Chinese or both Chinese and English is required to accompany each consignment.

The certificate shall state the following:

15.1.1. Name and address of the importer and exporter.

15.1.2. Name, address, and registration number of the designated establishments.

15.1.3. Type of products, amount of packages and weight.

15.1.4. Dates of slaughter or packaging date of the processed meat.

15.1.5. If the meat originates from cloven-hoofed animals imported from a third country or is processed meat which is imported from a third country, the certificate shall state the name of the third country.

15.1.6. Container and seal numbers.

15.1.7. Date, place and authority of issuance of the certificate, official stamps and name and signature of the veterinary officer.