

Attachment 13-3: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Meat Derived from Artiodactyla Animals

1. Terms used in these requirements are defined as follows:
 - 1.1 The countries (zones) free and not free from designated infectious animal diseases: The free countries (zones) refer to those that have been recognized by the central competent authority as being free from foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), African swine fever (ASF) and classical swine fever (CSF) pursuant to Paragraph 1, Article 33 of the “Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Diseases”; except for above-mentioned countries (zones), other countries (zones) are deemed as not being free.
 - 1.2 Artiodactyla animals (hereinafter referred to as "animals"): The animals refer to cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer and other animals specified by the central competent authority for being susceptible to infectious animal diseases listed in Article 1.1.
 - 1.3 Meat: The term refers to carcasses, meat, viscera and products made by carcasses, meat and viscera derived from Artiodactyla animals for human consumption.
 - 1.4 Designated establishments: The term refers to establishments producing meats which include slaughterhouses, cutting plants, and processing plants.
2. The requirements do not apply to exporting countries (zones) where there is a bilateral agreement between the exporting and importing countries.
3. The meat derived from Artiodactyla animals shall be imported from countries (zones) that are free from designated infectious animal diseases.
4. The criteria of meat slaughtering hygiene of the exporting country shall be in compliance with the relevant requirements of the importing country.
5. For the importation of meat, the competent authority of the exporting country shall submit the questionnaire of control measures on meat hygiene and basic information on the designated establishments of audits to the import/export animal quarantine authority for reviewing and on-site audits, in order to assess that the criteria of meat slaughtering hygiene of the exporting country are in compliance with relevant regulations of the importing country. The expenses shall be shouldered by the exporting country, according to relevant regulations. For exporting country which has signed bilateral or multilateral agreement with the importing country, the expenses should be shouldered according to the agreement. The import/export animal quarantine authority may take one of the following measures according to the review of the aforementioned information and results of the on-site audits:

5. 1 The importation is granted with the adoption of system approval;
5. 2 The importation of meat produced by the designated establishments is approved after audit; or
5. 3 The importation is not approved.
6. The designated establishments shall record the original information of species, places of origin, dates of slaughtering/processing and quantity of the slaughtered, cut, processed, and stored animals in detail and keep the records for at least 2 years.
7. The competent authority of the exporting country shall provide the sample of the veterinary certificate and official stamp for approval to the import/export animal quarantine authority before it can be used.
8. The animals slaughtered in the designated establishments shall be born and raised in the exporting country.

The preceding Paragraph is not applied for animals imported from a third country (zone), which comply with the following requirements:

8. 1 The third country (zone) shall be recognized as being free from the designated infectious animal diseases;
8. 2 The animals shall be born and raised in the third country (zone);
8. 3 The animals have been examined by the competent authority of the third country and found without clinical signs of any infectious animal diseases; and
8. 4 The animals shall be transported from the third country directly without transiting via countries (zones) not recognized as being free from the designated infectious animal diseases and changing transportation tools.
9. The meats that are cut, processed and stored in the designated establishments shall be slaughtered in the exporting country.

The preceding Paragraph is not applied for meat slaughtered in a third country (zone), which complies with the following requirements:

9. 1 The third country (zone) shall be recognized as being free from the designated infectious animal diseases;
9. 2 The meat shall be derived from animals born and raised in the third country (zone);
9. 3 The meat shall originate from the designated establishments approved by the import/export animal quarantine authority; and
9. 4 The meat shall be transported from the third country directly without transiting via countries (zones) not recognized as being free from the designated infectious animal diseases and changing transportation tools.

10. The animals shall not be exposed to animals or meat of other origins during the procedures of detaining, slaughtering, processing, cutting, packaging and transportation from farms to slaughterhouses for slaughtering.
11. The animals shall pass ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections, which are in compliance with relevant regulations supervised by the inspectors dispatched by the competent authority of the exporting country. The meat shall be eligible for human consumption. The inspection of slaughtering of the exporting country shall meet the relevant regulations of the importing country.
12. The meat shall not be contaminated by pathogenic organisms of infectious animal diseases in the designated establishments or procedures of transportation, and shall be shipped in clean and sanitary containers. The registration numbers of the designated establishments shall be indicated on the surface of meat or their packages.
13. The process of the consignment transported to the importing country shall comply with the “Regulations of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Containers”.
14. The import/export animal quarantine authority may dispatch inspectors to conduct an on-site re-inspection if necessary. The expenses shall be shouldered by the exporting country, according to relevant regulations. If the exporting country does not accept the inspection, or any non-compliance with the quarantine requirements is found during the audit, the import/export animal quarantine authority may suspend the importation of the meat.
15. Once outbreaks of FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSF or other infectious animal diseases occur in the exporting country (zones), the competent authority of the exporting country must immediately suspend the exportation of the meat and notify the import/export animal quarantine authority.
16. The competent authority of the exporting country shall dispatch veterinarians to the designated establishments for regular inspections. Once any non-compliance of the quarantine requirements are found, the competent authority of the exporting country must immediately suspend exportation of the meats and notify the import/export animal quarantine authority. After the correction of the found non-compliance is completed, the competent authority of the exporting country shall notify the import/export animal quarantine authority as well.
17. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
 - 17.1 Names and addresses of the importer and exporter;
 - 17.2 Names, addresses and registration numbers of the designated establishments.

- 17.3 Names, amount of packages and weights of meat;
- 17.4 Slaughtering dates of fresh meat or packing dates of processed meat products;
- 17.5 For those that fall into the second Paragraph of Article 8 or the second Paragraph of Article 9, the names of the third country shall be stated;
- 17.6 The lamb and mutton originating from sheep and goats which are found without clinical signs of peste des petits ruminants (PPR) 24 hours prior to slaughtering;
- 17.7 Numbers of containers and seals; and
- 17.8 Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.