

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Poultry Meat

(TRANSLATION)

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Article 1

Definition

1. "Poultry" refers to animals including chicken, ducks, geese, turkey and the other animals as designated by the central competent authority of this country.
2. "Meat" refers to products for human consumption including carcasses, meat and internal organs derived from poultry and the products manufactured by using aforementioned carcasses, meat and internal organs.
3. "Designated establishments" refers to establishments for producing meat, including slaughterhouses, cutting plants, processing plants, cold stores and warehouses.

Article 2

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

Article 3

To import poultry meat, the exporting country (or zone) shall have been recognized as free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease (ND) by the central competent authority of this country.

Article 4

If the exporting country (or zone) has not yet been recognized by the central competent authority of this country as free from ND, its poultry meat shall have been treated by heating before exportation. The heating treatment shall reach a core temperature of the meat products to 70°C for at least 30 minutes, or 80°C for at least 9 minutes, or 100°C for at least 1 minute, or by other heating method to assure complete destroy of ND virus.

Article 5

The HPAI, ND and H5 or H7 subtype low pathogenicity notifiable avian influenza (LPNAI) shall be notifiable diseases and subject to regular surveillance program(s) in the exporting country.

Article 6

The exporting country (or zone) has been free from HPAI, ND and H5 or H7 subtype LPNAI for at least 90 days before the day of shipment of the exported poultry meat.

Article 7

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

Article 8

To export poultry meat to this country, the competent authority of the exporting country shall submit an application accompanied with relevant information on its poultry meat inspection system to the animal quarantine authority of this country for approval. The approval process includes documents review and on-site inspection.

Article 9

The designated establishments shall record the species, place of origin of the poultry, dates of slaughtering and processing and quantity of each batch of the poultry meat, which was slaughtered, cut, processed or stored in the establishments, and shall keep the records for at least two years.

Article 10

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.

Article 11

The poultry for slaughter shall be born and raised in the exporting country (or zone). If the poultry is imported from a third country (or zone), it shall comply with the requirements of Article 3, 5 and 6 of this Requirements.

Article 12

The poultry meat cut, processed and stored in the designated establishments shall originate from poultry slaughtered in the exporting country. If the poultry meat is imported from a third country, it shall comply with the following requirements:

1. The third country (or zone) shall be a country (or zone) free from HPAI and ND and in compliance with Article 3 and Article 4 of this Requirements.
2. The poultry meat shall originate from poultry born and raised in the third country (or zone).
3. The poultry meat shall come from the designated establishments in the third country which are approved by the animal quarantine authority of this country.
4. The poultry meat shall be imported directly from the third country into the exporting country and shall not be transshipped through other country (or zone).

Article 13

The poultry or poultry meat shall not be contacted with those from different origin during transportation from the raising farm to the slaughterhouse and during holding, slaughtering, processing, cutting, packing, storage and shipping.

Article 14

The poultry shall be subject to and pass ante- and post-mortem inspection at the designated establishments supervised by the competent authority of the exporting country. The poultry meat shall be fit for human consumption. The regulations for the ante- and post-mortem inspection shall comply with those of this country.

Article 15

During in the designated establishments or transportation, the meat shall be kept in sanitary condition and be free from contamination by pathogenic organisms or toxic substances and shall be transported with clean and sanitary containers. The package of the poultry meat shall bear the stamp of the competent authority of the exporting country indicating that the meat was inspection-passed and the registration number of the designated establishments.

Article 16

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

Article 17

If necessary, the animal quarantine authority of this country may send inspectors to conduct on-site re-inspection of the exporting country. If the exporting country does not accept the inspection or incompliance 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

designated establishments concerned.

Article 18

In case HPAI or other infectious animal diseases occur or the poultry meat are found contaminated by toxic substances, the competent authority of the exporting country shall suspend immediately the exportation of the poultry meat to this country and inform the animal quarantine authority of this country the detail of the event.

Article 19

The competent authority of the exporting country should have official veterinarians at the designated establishments and conduct regular inspection of the said establishments. If an establishment is found with any incompliance with this Requirements, the competent authority of the exporting country shall nullify its qualification as designated establishment, stop the export of its poultry meat to this country, and inform the animal quarantine authority of this country the detail of the event. After the incompliance has been corrected, the competent authority of the exporting country shall inform the animal quarantine authority of this country.

Article 20

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 with each consignment. The certificate shall state the following:

1. Name and address of consignor and consignee.
2. Name, address and registration number of the designated establishments.
3. Type of products, number of the packages and net weight.
4. Date of slaughtering of fresh meat or date of packaging of processed meat.
5. The exporting country (or zone) has been recognized as free from HPAI and ND by the central competent authority of this country. If the exporting country (or zone) has not yet been recognized as free from ND by the central competent authority of this country of this country, shall state the temperature and time of heat treatment.
6. The exporting country (or zone) has been free from HPAI, ND and H5 or H7 subtype LPNAI for at least 90 days before the day of shipment of the exported meat.
7. The consignment complies with Articles 5, 6 and Article 11 to 15 of this Requirements.
8. Container numbers and seal numbers.
9. Date, place and authority of issuance of the certificate, official stamps and name and signature of the veterinary officer.