

Health Requirements for the Import of Poultry Meat and its Products into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Introduction:

The following health requirements developed by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) shall apply to poultry meats and its products exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Parties:

First party: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia representative by SFDA

Second party: Ukraine representative by the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

Propose:

After pursuing the information submitted by second party regarding the control and precautionary measures to safeguard against the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H.P.A.I) or any other diseases applicable to animals at all production chain, as well as the relevant pathogenic detection methods used, and the operating traceability and veterinary inspection systems, the first party has laid down, in addition to the health and technical conditions posted on SFDA portal, the following requirements to facilitate lifting the temporary ban imposed on poultry meat and its products imported from the second party to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It also paves the way for the registration and approval of second party's food businesses wishing to export their poultry meat products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Requirements

1. Poultry and its products destined for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall only originate from birds produced on soil of the second party at all production chain (from hatchery to slaughter).
2. The second party shall apply a farms registration system as well as flock registration including data on bird health, production, medication, vaccination, mortality and surveillance.
3. The second party shall maintain a system of investigating disease of all live and slaughtered poultry, which show possible highly pathogenic avian influenza signs, or any other notifiable diseases.
4. The second party shall provide guarantees that the entire consignment of poultry exported to Saudi Arabia originates from:
 - a. Healthy animals, free from pathogenic signs of highly pathogenic avian influenza or any other diseases.
 - b. Animals which have never been fed with animal protein or any other sources prohibited by the Islamic Sharia such as

- blood or derivatives of porcine. (with the exception of fish meal),
- c. Animals slaughtered within the territory of the second party – in licensed abattoirs – accompanying each consignment with a veterinary health certificate endorsed by the official stamp from the second party's competent control authorities as indicated in the form enclosed.
 - d. An animal passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection carried out by veterinarian assigned by the second party competent authority.
 - e. Animals, plants, breeding centers or farms that are not subject to an official eradication campaign by the second party's authorities due to a highly pathogenic avian influenza case or any other notifiable diseases.
5. All commodities of poultry and its products, exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, shall originate from establishments approved by the second party's competent control authorities. For this purpose, the second party shall provide a list of the establishments approved in accordance with the health requirements outlined in this document.
 6. Food business establishments exporting poultry and poultry products to KSA shall apply an HACCP system.
 7. All commodities of Poultry meats and their products are:
 - a. Sealed, and endorsed with the official stamps of the party entrusted with issuing the health certificates.
 - b. Fit for human consumption.
 - c. Accompanied by a Halal slaughter certificate as per GSO 993 “*Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Law*”
 - d. In compliance with the GSO standards posted on SFDA portal www.sfda.gov.sa.
 8. Compliance must be mentioned with article (7/1/4) of GSO No2141 General Requirements for “Genetically Modified Unprocessed Agricultural products” Which prohibits import of genetically modified animals, Birds, Fish and their products.
 9. The second party shall facilitate the mission of the first party Technical Team responsible for conducting follow-up visits to

meats preparation and processing establishments registered with SFDA.

10. That the first party has the right to reject any consignment of poultry meats and its products if any of the above mentioned requirements and conditions is not met.
11. The first party has the right to suspend or cancel the approval of any establishment violating to the Halal, health and technical requirements.

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