

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BEEF, MUTTON AND THEIR EDIBLE PRODUCTS INTO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

- 1) **A health certificate** in English signed by a full-time authorized veterinary official of the government of the exporting country stating:-
 - 1.1) type of portions and package of the meat/meat products,
 - 1.2) number of pieces or package and net weight,
 - 1.3) names and addresses and registered number of the approved manufacturer,
 - 1.4) names and addresses of the exporter and the consignee,
 - 1.5) dates of slaughter, manufacture, packaging and export,
 - 1.6) certification of condition items (2) to (9).
- 2) The country of origin is free from Rinderpest and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.
- 3) The country/region/zone of origin has been free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and officially approved by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), for at least 3 (three) years prior to export.
- 4) The farm (s) or premises of origin have been free from any infectious and contagious diseases notifiable in the country of origin during the past 12 (twelve) months preceding the slaughter of the animals and until the time of export.
- 5) The animals are born and reared in the country of origin **OR** have been in the country of origin for not less than 4 (four) months prior to slaughter and must come from and accredited farms where the veterinary authorities of the governments of exporting and importing countries have previously approved.
- 6) The animals have received ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections, and found to be free from any infectious and contagious diseases.
- The meat/meat products have been processed in a designated establishment, approved for export to Thailand, in a sanitary manner under the supervision of a full-time veterinary official appointed by the government of the exporting country. Every precaution has been taken to prevent any contamination during the manufacturing, packaging, storage and until the time of export.
- 8) The meat/meat products do not contain preservatives, additives or any substances posing a harmful risk to human health.
- 9) The meat/meat products have been sampled to tests for food microorganisms as well as drugs, hormones, pesticides, toxins and other substances harmful to human health and that they are corresponding to the tolerance limits any of which set by the National and/or International standards such as the Codex Alimentarius.

- 10) The vehicles and containers used for transporting the exported meat should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected immediately prior to export.
- 11) The meat/meat products shall bear a health mark or meat inspection legend in any form of a label, seal or stamp for recognition that the meat/meat products themselves have been produced in accordance with standards which are acceptable to Thailand.
- 12) The meat/meat products shall not be transhipped at any intermediate port.
- The meat/meat products are subjected to inspection/detention for laboratory testing upon arrival in Thailand. The owner/importer shall be fully charged for incurred expenses.
- 14) Failure to follow the import procedures may result in returning the meat/meat products to the country of origin or destroying without compensation.

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