

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BONELESS BEEF, BEEF AND THEIR EDIBLE PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN INTO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

- 1) A health certificate in English signed by a full-time authorized veterinary official of Japan stating:-
 - 1.1) type of cuts and package of the meat,
 - 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 or packaging and export,
 - 1.6) identification of seal number (if sealed),
 - 1.7) means of transport (flight no. /vessel name),
 - 1.8) the port of transship,
 - 1.9) Import permit number,
 - 2.0) certification of condition items (2) to (13).
- 2) Japan is free from Rinderpest and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and officially recognized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- 3) Japan is a country officially recognized as having a negligible BSE risk status by the OIE.
- 4) The farm(s) or premises of origin have been free from Rinderpest, Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, Foot and mouth diseases, Rabies, Vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever, Anthrax, Hemorrhagic septicemia, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy during the past 12(twelve) months preceding the slaughter of the animals and until the time of export.
- 5) The cattle were born after the ban on the feeding of meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforce on 1st November 2001 and reared in Japan. The cattle must originate from the farm(s) or premises under the supervision of the local veterinary authorities.
- 6) The cattle received ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections by full-time authorized veterinary official of Japan.

- 7) Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products were obtained from animals which were not stunned by means of gas injection in the cranial cavity or cutting of spinal cord by laceration of the central nervous tissue by means of introducing a sharp cutting instrument in the cranial cavity, or by a pithing process. Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products must not contain meat from mechanically separated meat. Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products must be derived from animals which received anteand post-mortem inspections. Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products are not derived from animals that were known suspected or confirmed BSE cases. In case of import offal, it must not contain distal ileum of small intestine of any cattle regardless of age.
- 8) The animal slaughtering, processing, and storage of boneless beef, beef, and their edible products are from establishment(s) under inspection of Japanese authorized veterinary official/public health official.
- 9) Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products must not contain preservatives, additives or other substances posing a harmful risk to human health.
- 10) Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products are produced according to residue and microbiological sampling programs in accordance with regulatory requirements of Japan.
- 11) The vehicles and containers used for transporting the exported boneless beef, beef, and their edible products shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected immediately prior to export.
- 12) The wrapping and packaging materials of boneless beef, beef, and their edible products must bear a health mark or inspection legend for recognition that they are produced in accordance with standards which are acceptable to Thailand. All shipping cartons of boneless beef, beef, and their edible products must bear slaughter or manufacture date (month, date and year) on the cartons at the time of shipping and must be marked "Product of Japan." The health mark label must be applied on the carton in a manner that the health mark label is destroyed when the package is opened.
- 13) Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products shall be transported directly to Thailand, or transported to Thailand through the third countries.
 - a.) in a hermetic container sealed by the competent authority of Japan; and
 - b.) the form of the seal must be approved by the Thai animal health authority in advance.
- 14) Boneless beef, beef, and their edible products shall be subjected to inspection/detention for laboratory testing upon arrival in Thailand. The owner/importer shall be fully charged for incurred expenses.
- 15) Failure to follow the import procedures may result in returning the products to the country of origin or destroying without compensation.

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