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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING)

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the October, 2025.

S.O.(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3A of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), and in supersession of the S.O. 1825 (E), dated the 24th July, 2009, in the erstwhile Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, sub-section (ii), except as respect things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby notifies the veterinary health certificate for regulating the import of raw, salted pickled, limed and dried skins and hides into India as set in the Schedule annexed to the notification with the following conditions namely:-,-

- A. The imports will only be allowed through the ports / airports of Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Bengaluru or other places to be notified by the Department, where the animal quarantine inspection facilities are available.
- B. The veterinary health certificate as set in the Schedule annexed to the notification shall be applicable on the categories of raw hides and skins, leather and furskins covered under the ITC-HS Code 4101, 4102, 4103, 41041100, 41041900, 41051000, 41062100, 41063100, 41069100 and 4301 or as notified time to time by the Government.
- C. In case, the applicable and exempted categories of raw hides and skins, leather and furskins are imported in a single container, the veterinary health certificate as set in the Schedule shall be applicable for all categories.
- D. On arrival into India,-
 - i. the consignment and the documents will be examined by the Animal Quarantine Officer;
 - ii. the sample from the imported item will be taken for examination and laboratory testing as per extant protocols in this regard;
 - iii. in case the documents are not conforming to the requirements, appropriate action shall be taken by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India at the cost of the importing agency.

SCHEDULE

I. General Information for Importation

1. Veterinary Health certificate No: _____ Date: _____		2. Competent Authority 2.1 Ministry: 2.2 Department: 2.3 Contact Details and Email:			
3. Invoice No. and Date:		4. Quantity (in words and figures):			
5. Consignor / exporter Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:					
6. Consignee /importer: Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:					
7. Source species of animal for Skin / Hide: Cattle / Buffalo /Sheep/Goat/ Horse/Camel/Swine/Birds/ Others (name of the species):----- -----					
8. Country of origin:		ISO Code:			
9. Port of loading:					
9. Country of Destination:		ISO Code:			
10. Declared Port of Entry ²					
11. Mode of Transport:					
12. Identification of the product as described below: (multiple lines may be used for multiple products)					
a)	Name and address of Establishment/Manufacturing unit		Approval number/s of establishment/Manufacturing unit (Number /Date / Validity) along with Name and address of the official Registration / Accreditation Authority		
b)	Name and type of the product (raw, dried, pickled, salted, limed, wet blue and similar categories as per mapped HSN codes)	Lot no. / Batch no.	Type of packaging	Number of packages	Net Weight
	(1)	92)	(3)	(4)	(5)
c)	Consignment identification details (including any container seal numbers):				

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¹Import of livestock products into India is subjected to fulfilment of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 and the rules / regulations thereunder as notified time to time.

²Port of Entry as notified by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India considering applicability of Sanitary Import Permit (SIP) or not, as the case may be.

II Sanitary Information

The undersigned Official Veterinarian certifies that the products described in item 7 and 12 on the General Information for import above satisfy the following requirements (*strike out whichever is/are not applicable*):

1. the products originate from animals which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections, which have been slaughtered for human consumption at an abattoir approved by the National Veterinary Authority of the country of origin in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3. with favourable results and shows no clinical sign of any infectious and contagious diseases including Anthrax, Peste des petits ruminants (PPR), Rift Valley Fever (RVF), Tuberculosis (TB), Tetanus, Leptospirosis, Black quarter, Johne's disease, Vesicular Stomatitis, Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), Classical Swine Fever (CSF), Goat/sheep pox, Brucellosis, African Swine Fever (ASF) and other disease related to source animal species. The products have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes so as to ensure the destruction of pathogens related to source animal species in accordance with one of the procedures;

a. chemically treating / lining in acidic or alkaline solutions soaking, with agitation in 4% (w/v) solution of washing soda (Sodium carbonate- Na_2CO_3) maintained at PH 11.5 or above for at least 48 hours)/ formic acid solution (100 kg salt Sodium Chloride- NaCl) and (12 kg formic acid per 1,000 liters water) maintained at below pH 3.0 for at least 48 hours; or

b. the skins and hides have been treated for at least 28 days with sea salt (Sodium Chloride) containing 2% washing soda (Sodium Carbonate- Na_2CO_3); or

c. gamma radiation at a dose of at least 20 Kilo Gray at room temperature (20 degree or higher);

2. the products have not been derived from the source animal species slaughtered/culled as part of an eradication/control programme for any disease related to the source animal species including Anthrax, PPR, RVF, TB, Tetanus, Leptospirosis, Black quarter, Johne's disease, Vesicular Stomatitis, FMD, LSD, CSF, Goat/sheep pox, Brucellosis and ASF.

3. The products are derived from the animals which have not been kept in the infected zones, compartments and establishments for the diseases related to source animal species including Anthrax, PPR, RVF, TB, Tetanus,

Leptospirosis, Black quarter, Johne's disease, Vesicular Stomatitis, FMD, LSD, CSF, Goat/sheep pox, Brucellosis and ASF.

4. the products are derived from the source animals free from anthrax, kept in a country or zone free from anthrax as per World Organisation for Animal Health; and

a. have shown no sign of anthrax during ante- and post-mortem inspections and come from establishments that are not placed under movement restrictions for the control of anthrax and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes; and

b. the products have been treated in accordance with the recommendations in World Organisation for Animal Health Article 8.1.11 as per the following procedures:

i. gamma irradiation with a dose of 25 kilogray; or
ii. five-step washing procedure:

a. immersion in 0.25–0.3% soda liquor for 10 minutes at 40.5°C;
b. immersion in soap liquor for 10 minutes at 40.5°C;
c. immersion in 2% formaldehyde solution for 10 minutes at 40.5°C;
d. a second immersion in 2% formaldehyde solution for 10 minutes at 40.5°C;
e. rinsing on cold water followed by drying in hot air.

5. the products are derived from source animals free from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), kept in a country or zone free from FMDV and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes; and

a. have been processed to ensure the inactivation of FMDV (as per Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 8.8.30 and 8.8.38) by treatment for at least 28 days with salt (NaCl) containing 2% sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3);

b. the necessary precautions were taken after collection and processing to avoid contact of the products with any potential source of FMDV.

6. the products are derived from source animals free from PPRV, kept in a country or zone free from PPRV and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes; and

a. have been processed to ensure the inactivation of PPRV (as per Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 14.7.24) by treatment for at least 28 days with salt (NaCl) containing 2% sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3);

b. the necessary precautions were taken after collection and processing to avoid contact of the products with any potential source of PPRV.

7. the products are derived from source animals free from Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), kept in a country or zone free from LSDV since birth or for at least the past 28 days and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes; and

a. these products were;

- i. dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch; *or*
- ii. treated for a period of at least seven days in salt (NaCl) with the addition of 2% sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃); *or*
- iii. dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C; and

b. the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the commodities with any potential source of LSDV;

8. the products are derived from animals free from sheep and goat pox, kept in a country or zone free from sheep pox and goat pox and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes to ensure the destruction of the sheep pox and goat pox virus.

9. the products are derived from source animals (domestic pigs) free from African Swine Fever (ASF), kept in a country free from ASF and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes; and

a. the products are processed so as to ensure the destruction of ASFV in accordance with one of the procedures in accordance with Terrestrial Animal Health Code Article 15.1.25;

- i. soaking, with agitation, in a 4% (w/v) solution of washing soda (sodium carbonate-Na₂CO₃) maintained at pH 11.5 or above for at least 48 hours; *or*
- ii. soaking, with agitation, in a formic acid solution (100 kg salt [NaCl] and 12 kg formic acid per 1,000 litres water) maintained below pH 3.0 for at least 48 hours; wetting and dressing agents may be added; *or*
- iii. in the case of raw hides, treating for at least 28 days with salt (NaCl) containing 2% washing soda (sodium carbonate-Na₂CO₃); *or*
- iv. treatment with 1% formalin for a minimum of six days; and

b. that the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the product with any source of ASFV;

10. the products derived from source animals (domestic pigs) free from Classical Swine Fever (CSF), kept in a country or zone free from CSF and which had

undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes; and

a. the products have been processed so as to ensure the destruction of CSFV in accordance with one of the procedures;

i. gamma irradiation at a dose of at least 20 kiloGray at room temperature (20°C or higher); *or*

ii. soaking, with agitation, in a 4% (w/v) solution of washing soda (sodium carbonate [Na₂CO₃]) maintained at pH 11.5 or above for at least 48 hours; *or*

iii. soaking, with agitation, in a formic acid solution (100 kg salt [NaCl] and 12 kg formic acid per 1,000 litres water) maintained below pH 3.0 for at least 48 hours; wetting and dressing agents may be added to the solution; *or*

iv. salting for at least 28 days with sea salt containing 2% washing soda (sodium carbonate [Na₂CO₃]); and

b. that appropriate precautions were taken after processing to avoid cross-contamination of the product with any source of CSFV;

11. regardless of the high pathogenicity avian influenza status of the country of origin;

a. the products have been processed to ensure the inactivation of high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses regardless of the high pathogenicity avian influenza status of the country of origin in accordance with one of the procedures;

i. boiling in water for an appropriate time to ensure that any material other than bone, claws or beaks is removed; *or*

ii. soaking, with agitation, in a 4% (w/v) solution of washing soda (sodium carbonate-Na₂CO₃) maintained at pH 11.5 or above for at least 48 hours; *or*

iii. soaking, with agitation, in a formic acid solution (100 kg salt [NaCl] and 12 kg formic acid per 1,000 litres water) maintained below pH 3.0 for at least 48 hours; wetting and dressing agents may be added; *or*

iv. in the case of raw hides, treatment for at least 28 days with salt (NaCl) containing 2% washing soda (sodium carbonate-Na₂CO₃); *or*

v. treatment with 1% formalin for a minimum of six days; *or*

vi. any equivalent treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate the virus; and

b. the necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the commodity with any source of high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses;

12. For non-domesticated animal species, not meant for human consumption (in case not under prohibition): the products are derived from the source animal species (name.....) which is not susceptible for diseases as mentioned in above clauses including the diseases related to source animal species and which had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health

Chapter 6.3 and have been processed in a facility approved by the Veterinary Authority for export purposes so as to ensure the destruction of pathogens related to source animal species in accordance with one of the procedures;

a. chemically treating / lining in acidic or alkaline solutions soaking, with agitation in 4% (w/v) solution of washing soda (Sodium carbonate- Na_2CO_3) maintained at PH 11.5 or above for at least 48 hours)/ formic acid solution (100 kg salt Sodium Chloride- NaCl) and (12 kg formic acid per 1,000 liters water) maintained at below pH 3.0 for at least 48 hours; or

b. the skins and hides have been treated for at least 28 days with sea salt (Sodium Chloride) containing 2% washing soda (Sodium Carbonate- Na_2CO_3); or

c. gamma radiation at a dose of at least 20 Kilo Gray at room temperature (20 degree or higher);

13. the products have been processed and treated with approved treatment method in premises controlled and approved by Veterinary authority of country of origin to ensure the destruction of virus/organisms of sheep pox and goat pox, myxomatosis, mycobacterium tuberculosis, Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV), brucellosis virus and other diseases of source animal species transmitted by skin/hides.

14. the necessary precautions were taken after collection, processing/ manufacturing to avoid contact of the commodities with any potential source of infection including LSDV, ASFV, CFSV, FMDV and other diseases related to source animal species.

15. the products after treatment have been packed with new, clean, fresh packing materials satisfying the necessary sanitary hygiene requirements.

16. the vehicle in which the products were transported from approved establishment to the port or airport of departure were cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the appropriate authority.

Signature

Date

Official Stamp

Official Government Veterinarian

Name:

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Address:

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Post-import Quarantine requirements:

i. On arrival in India, the Official Veterinary health Certificate issued by country of origin shall be checked by Animal Quarantine Officer on-line through Custom Single Window System for granting on-line clearance.

ii. the samples shall be examined and matched with health certificate.

iii. **Testing of raw, dried, limed, salted, pickled, wet blue** and similar categories as per mapped HSN codes (**other than dried finished leather and similar categories as per unmapped HSN codes**): In case the consignment is coming from the country (country of origin and export) affected by Anthrax, LSD, ASF, CSF, PPR, Sheep and Goat pox and FMD necessary compulsory testing shall be carried out through laboratories as designated time to time.

Designated Laboratories: Anthrax: Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory; FMD: ICAR - National Institute on Foot & Mouth Disease (ICAR-NIFMD), Bhubaneswar; ASF, CSF: ICAR- National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (ICAR-NIHSAD), Bhopal; LSD, PPR, Sheep and Goat Pox: ICAR- National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (ICAR-NIHSAD), Bhopal, ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Bengaluru and Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Bengaluru.

iv. In case the container is found to have (declared/undeclared) mixed categories of skin/hide/leather/finished leather, then the pre and post import conditions as per this certificate will be applicable to all categories of skin/hide/leather present in the container.

Clearance procedure (to prevent port holding charges): The consignment under testing may be cleared on No Objection Certificate (Letter of Guarantee) to be kept in Custom bonded ware houses under Custom supervision with the undertaking from the importer "not to use till final clearance after testing is granted".

v. In case the Official Veterinary Health Certificate issued by country of origin is not fulfilling the pre-import requirement of India or the samples are positive for any disease or the samples do not match with official health certificates, appropriate action has to be taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India as per the extant guidelines and quarantine procedures and as per the Notification No. S.O. 2666 (E) dated 16.10.2014 at the cost of importing agency.

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