

**Animal Health requirements for conformity assessment on import of processed poultry meat and meat products into India from the Avian Influenza positive countries.**

**Definition**

For the purpose of Conformity Assessment:

- a) **Indian Health Authorities:** (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India).
  - b) **Poultry:** Chicken, duck, turkey, quail and goose.
  - c) **Poultry meat:** Processed Poultry meat.
  - d) **Processing:** Method to keep the core temperature of 70 degree C for thirty minute at the centre of the poultry meat and its products; or to offer equivalent guarantee on the microbiological safety of the products.
  - e) **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI):** An infection of poultry caused either by ;
    - (i) Avian Influenza of H 5 or H 7 sub-type;Or
    - (ii) Avian Influenza virus causing Avian Influenza as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2008.
  - f) **The surveillance program for HPAI:** The programme is in place in accordance to OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2008 and the outcome of which are fully acknowledged by the animal health authorities of the exporting country.
2. The processed poultry meat and its products to be exported to India must fulfill the following requirements:
- i) It is produced in a farm where no out break of HPAI has been confirmed for at least 21 days before its slaughter date.
  - ii) It is produced in the farm where vaccination against HPAI is not practiced.
  - iii) It has been confirmed that the product is free from any poultry infectious diseases as a consequence of ante and post-mortem inspections conducted at an approved slaughter facilities by the official Veterinarian of the national government of the exporting country.

- iv) The slaughter and processing facilities where the poultry is slaughtered and the meat & its products are processed is approved by the national government of the exporting country.
- v) When the designated facilities are planned to be altered including reconstruction, enlargement (expansion) and / or other changes of the structure, the animal health authorities of the exporting country must inform in advance to the Indian animal health authorities.
- vi) The animal health authorities of the exporting country must notify immediately to the Indian animal health authorities, if designated facilities change their names or addresses.
- vii) The manager of the designated facilities must record the following:
  - (a) date of processing of the product.
  - (b) quantity of poultry meat and meat products with their processing detail.
  - (c) date and amount of each shipping (destination country wise).
- viii) The animal health authorities of the exporting country must visit the designated facilities at least once every six months and check whether the facilities maintain the standard.
- ix) The animal health authorities of the exporting country must report the outcome of the visit to Indian animal health authorities once in every six months.
- x) If the animal health authorities of the exporting country find that designated facilities do not meet the standards, they must immediately suspend the shipment of the processed poultry meat and its products and will inform the Indian animal health authorities as soon as possible.
- xi) In case any deviation, if appropriate remedial actions have been taken, the animal health authorities of the exporting country should report the relevant information to the Indian animal health authorities and then resume the export.
- xii) The animal health authorities of the exporting country must provide, upon request, a copy of the written record of the result of the visit to the Indian animal health authorities when they feel it as necessary.
- xiii) The Indian animal health authorities, if not satisfied on the written record of the result of the visit of exporting animal health authorities or other-wise shall make on-site inspections of the designated facilities when they consider it as necessary to confirm whether they meet the standard and the animal health requirements of this document.
- xiv) The animal health authorities of the exporting country must ensure that the processed meat and its products are stored in clean and sanitary

wrappings and or containers and handled in such a manner to prevent it from being contaminated with pathogens of any animal infectious disease until the shipment.

- xv) In case, processed poultry meat and its products are transported to India through the third countries, the container must be sealed by the animal health authorities of the exporting country with the seal which can be obviously differentiated from that of the third countries.
  - xvi) In case of the confirmation of outbreak or suspicion of HPAI, the animal health authorities of the exporting country must inform the Indian animal health authorities of the relevant information within 24 hours. They must also report the general status of the outbreak to the Indian animal health authorities on monthly basis.
3. The animal health authorities of the exporting country must issue inspection certificate for the exported processed poultry meat and its products to India stating the following:
- i) Name, designation, address and registration number of the approved slaughter facilities and the processing facilities.
  - ii) Date of slaughter, heat processing/ alternate processing method.
  - iii) Identification number on seal of the container.
  - iv) Date and name of the port of shipment
  - v) Date and place of issuance of the inspection certificate and name and title of the officer signing the document