

**INSPECTION, QUARANTINE AND VETERINARY
SANITARY PROTOCOL
BETWEEN
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF QUALITY
SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE
OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
FISHERIES
OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
ON
FROZEN BEEF TO BE EXPORTED FROM SOUTH AFRICA
TO CHINA**

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PREAMBLE

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa (DAFF), through friendly negotiations, have agreed on the following inspection and quarantine , veterinary health requirements on frozen beef to be exported from South Africa to China.

ARTICLE 1

DAFF shall be responsible for the inspection and quarantine of the frozen beef to be exported to China and the issuance of the veterinary health certificates.

ARTICLE 2

DAFF shall provide AQSIQ with the laws and regulations governing the slaughter, cutting, deboning and storing of frozen beef exported to China, the relevant inspection and quarantine programs which consist of monitoring programs, laboratory testing methods and procedures; and the official meat inspection stamps or marks for export eligibility and relevant classification standards.

DAFF shall regularly supply AQSIQ with the following information every year:

- (1) The plans and annual reports of the National Chemical Residue Monitoring Program and the National Microbiological Monitoring Program. If necessary, nuclear radiation and other environmental pollutants surveillance programs should be included.
- (2) The preventive and zoning measures taken against the diseases listed in Articles 3 of this protocol, including the specific geographical location of each region, the number of livestock, export meat production enterprise information, monitoring situation, etc.
- (3) The verification of the ban on feeding ruminants with any meat-and-bone meal and greases derived from ruminants, and,



(4) The animal epidemic situation concerned by both sides.

DAFF shall establish and enforce ante- and post-mortem inspection criteria for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) which shall be included in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of official veterinarian work manual and quality assurance system of the establishment.

The South African food safety administrative systems shall meet the requirements of AQSIQ and accept on-site or retrospective inspection conducted by AQSIQ. DAFF shall sustain the efficacy of the system and provide necessary assistance and convenience to enable the audit of AQSIQ.

DAFF shall share with AQSIQ dynamic information on production and exportation of the establishments intended for exportation as well as the sanitary and safety supervision situations of the veterinary authority. Both sides shall establish an efficient information reporting mechanism to cooperate with each other on investigating and handling issues, taking corrective and preventive actions to ensure the establishments satisfy the requirements of China.

ARTICLE 3

DAFF officially confirms:

- (1) South Africa is free from Rinderpest, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP), Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in South African territory.
- (2) South Africa implements regional management of foot and mouth disease (FMD) recognized by OIE.
- (3) DAFF implements compartmentalization management related to LSD. The basic requirements for compartmentalization are:
 - i. DAFF implement active surveillance such as clinical and serological, virological or sentinel surveillance for LSD in compartment.

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- ii. There has been no report of LSD in the compartment, and in the farms adjacent to the compartment during past 12 months.
- iii. Animals from farms infected with LSD shall be restricted to be introduced into the compartment provided that the animal to be introduced meets the requirements on animal imported from LSD infected country prescribed in the OIE code.
- iv. The compartment shall establish and implement practical biosecurity measures according to biosecurity plan of the OIE code.
- v. The infrastructure of compartment shall meet the standard of OIE code.
- vi. In case that LSD case occurs, the eligibility of compartment at farm level shall be suspended.
- vii. The slaughterhouses related to the compartment shall establish and implement practical biosecurity measures necessary for LSD control.

ARTICLE 4

The bovine from which the frozen beef are derived should:

- (1) have been born, kept and slaughtered in the FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced as recognized by OIE.
- (2) originate from farms which have not introduced any cloven hoofed animal from the area outside the FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced for the past 12 months.
- (3) originate from LSD free compartments as defined in article 3 (3) and farms where no clinical signs of Rabies, Brucellosis, Anthrax, Pseudorabies, Paratuberculosis, Vesicular Stomatitis, Rift Valley fever, Tuberculosis, Q fever, Bovine Malignant Catarrhal Fever (BMC), Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) and African Trypanosomiasis have been reported for the past 12 months.
- (4) originate from premises that have not been under quarantine or restriction for the past 12 months.

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- (5) have been fed in the farm/compartment as defined in article 3 (3) for at least 60 days before slaughter.
- (6) have not been vaccinated with live anthrax vaccine and LSD vaccine less than 14 days and 60 days respectively before slaughter.
- (7) have never been fed with meat-and-bone meal or greaves derived from ruminants before.
- (8) bear a unique identification mark which can be traced back to the born and raised farm.

ARTICLE 5

The manufacturing (including slaughtering, cutting, deboning and storing) establishments which intend for exporting frozen beef to China shall be located in the FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced as recognized by OIE, and shall be under supervision of the competent authorities of South Africa in compliance with the laws and regulations of China and South Africa on veterinary health and public health. The export establishments recommended by DAFF shall be registered by the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA) according to the Regulations for Administration of Registration of Foreign Food Establishments (AQSIQ Decree 145, 2012). Products from manufacturing establishments that have not got the registration from CNCA will not be allowed to import into the People's Republic of China.

ARTICLE 6

The South African official veterinarian shall exercise inspection and quarantine supervision and management functions, and attest that:

- (1) The frozen beef is derived from cattle originated from farms, slaughterhouses and establishments which have implemented an effective identification system to their place of origin.
- (2) The frozen beef comes from the cattle which have not been fed with restricted veterinary

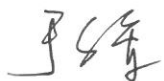


drugs or feed additives prohibited by China and South Africa.

- (3) The cattle have been slaughtered, cut, deboned and stored at establishments approved by China.
- (4) The frozen beef comes from the cattle which originate from the farms in conformity with article 3 and 4 of this protocol. The slaughtered cattle have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with the relevant Chinese and South African laws and regulations with favorable results. The cattle are healthy and free of clinical signs of infectious disease and parasite, no pathological lesion has been found on the carcasses and viscera and from which the major lymphatic nodes and gland tissue have been removed.
- (5) All the carcasses of slaughtered cattle, prior to cutting and deboning, have been chilled and submitted to maturation at a temperature higher than 2°C for a minimum period of 24 hours following slaughter. The center temperature was kept below 7°C. The pH value was below 6.0 when each carcass is tested in the middle of both the longissimus dorsi.
- (6) The frozen beef is free from the contamination of pathogenic agents prescribed in the laws and regulations of China and South Africa.
- (7) The national residue monitoring program is implemented and certify that the residue level of veterinary medicinal products, pesticides and environmental pollutant such as heavy metals, as well as other undesirable substances contained in the products do not exceed the maximum residue limits (MRL) stipulated by China and South Africa.
- (8) The frozen beef is hygienic and safe, fit for human consumption.

ARTICLE 7

The cattle for slaughter and intended for export to China will not be allowed to come into contact with any live cattle or other species of animal which do not comply with the requirements in Article 3 and 4, or the registration requirements in Article 5 of this Protocol during the period of transportation (including transportation from the farm to, and at the place of the slaughterhouse).



The frozen beef intended for exportation to China is not allowed to be processed with any products of other species origin, nor animal products which not intended for exportation to China.

A specific area identified clearly within the cold store will be available exclusively for the storage of the frozen beef intended for export to China.

ARTICLE 8

The frozen beef to be exported to China must be packed with brand new packaging materials in compliance with the international hygienic standard.

The frozen beef exported to China must be packed separately and labeled with the name, country of origin, establishment registration number and the batch numbers on the interior package. The name, specifications, place of origin (state/province/city), establishment registration number, batch numbers, destination (should be China only), production date (year/month/day), shelf life and storage temperature should be labeled on the outside package in Chinese. The inspection and quarantine legend of South African competent authority should be identified on the package as well.

The labels of prepackaged beef products shall comply with the standards and regulatory requirements of China on pre-packaged food labelling.

ARTICLE 9

To prevent from contamination of undesirable substances, the frozen beef to be exported to China shall meet the veterinary health requirements of China and South Africa during the package, storage and transportation. The storage and transportation shall be done under suitable temperatures to keep the core temperature of the frozen beef products no higher than -18°C.



Prior to shipment, the container should be sealed under the supervision of the South African veterinary officer. The seal number should be indicated in the veterinary health certificate. During transportation, the package of the products should not be unwrapped or changed.

ARTICLE 10

Each consignment/container of frozen beef exported from South Africa to China shall be accompanied with at least one original veterinary health certificate attesting that the products comply with the veterinary and public health rules and regulations of China, South Africa and relevant requirements in this protocol.

The veterinary health certificate should be written in Chinese and English. The format and content of the certificates should be mutually determined in advance by both sides.

To put on record, DAFF shall provide to AQSIQ with the samples of the official quarantine legends, the model of health certificate, a list of authorized signing veterinarians with their corresponding signatures, instructions on the anti-fake label and the email addresses through which the electronic data of certificates shall be delivered. If there are any modification and changes of the above, DAFF shall notify AQSIQ at least one month prior to the changes coming into effect.

To provide access to the border inspection of AQSIQ, DAFF shall deliver AQSIQ of the electronic data of each veterinary health certificate issued through official channels in a timely manner. DAFF shall guarantee the electronic data correct and safe.

ARTICLE 11

When there are any outbreaks of FMD in the FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced in South Africa recognized by OIE, or when there are any outbreaks of diseases as stipulated in article 3(1), DAFF shall stop the exportation of the relevant beef to China, recall the products



and other products with potential risk and provide AQSIQ with information on how the incidents happened and were controlled.

When there is any occurrence of LSD in the compartment free of LSD, positive animal(s) and the co-herd shall not be permitted for the production of beef export to China. In the mean time, DAFF shall recall the products and other products with potential risk and stop the exportation of the beef produced from relevant farm to China and test LSD animal in the relevant farms, provide AQSIQ with information of test result and control measures.

When there are any occurrence in South Africa of the infectious or parasitic diseases relevant to bovine, listed in article 4(3) of this protocol or any other significant food contamination which may likely to contaminate the frozen beef to be exported to China, DAFF shall stop the exportation of frozen beef produced from farms or areas under restriction according to risk, recall the products and other products with potential risk, inform AQSIQ and provide information on how the incidents happened and were dealt with.

At the end of the contamination issue or elimination of infection disease, to reinstate the trade, negotiation should be conducted between AQSIQ and DAFF based on the international practice.

ARTICLE 12

If frozen beef products exported to China are found out to be non-compliant with the requirements of the protocol by AQSIQ, AQSIQ will notify DAFF in a timely manner of the return, destruction or other disposals of the products according to the related Chinese laws and regulations. Both the import and export country shall cooperate with each other to investigate in the reasons and take corrective actions and rectifications to prevent recurrence of the non-compliance.



ARTICLE 13

For the purposes of this protocol, frozen beef includes frozen deboned beef and frozen bone-in beef, not including head, hoof, internal organs and other by-products, excluding minced beef, cutting fat and mechanically separated meat.

ARTICLE 14

This protocol can be amended by mutual consent of both sides. Any side may terminate this protocol by notifying the other side in written notice 6 months in advance.

ARTICLE 15

The protocol is signed inon, in duplicate, each in Chinese and English. The two languages have equal legal effect. This protocol shall be valid from the date of signing.

On behalf of,
The General Administration of Quality
Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
of the People's Republic of China

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