

ACCREDITATION OF NEW COUNTRIES FOR EXPORT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS TO SINGAPORE

Important Notice:

The information required by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA), Republic of Singapore for the evaluation of new countries to export meat products to Singapore are set out below.

- 1) *All information must be submitted in English and in soft copy. Complete information must be provided, as inadequate/incomplete submissions will result in delays in processing. Please feel free to include any additional information to support your application.*
- 2) *The completed information must be submitted with a covering letter from the Central Competent Authority (CCA) with its verification and endorsement before submission to AVA.*

1. Name of Country

2. Location

Please provide a map(s) showing:

- a. National borders
- b. Internal administrative borders (regional and local)
- c. Borders of any approved disease control areas (regionalisation)
- d. Sites of:
 - Headquarters of Central Competent Authority (CA)
 - Regional or local offices of the CA
 - Central and regional official laboratories
 - Approved border inspection posts (airports, seaports, land crossings)

3. Livestock Industry

Species and types of meat products intended for export to Singapore
(For example: Bone-in pork, boneless pork, heat-processed pork products, canned pork products, etc.)

For each species of meat intended for export to Singapore, provide an overview of the industry, including the latest information on:

- a. Farm size distribution (number of commercial farms, backyard farms etc);
- b. Livestock population census;
- c. Animal feed control/husbandry (especially swill feeding);
- d. Volume of meat produced in the country annually;
- e. Quantity of exports of meat products to third countries (please also provide the specific type of meat products exported to third country);
- f. Audit reports of official inspections from third countries.

4. Legislation

- a. Copy of the legislation to control and prevent the introduction of animal and poultry diseases in the country (or excerpt in English if the legislation is not in English);
- b. Copy of the legislation governing slaughterhouses, meat and egg processing establishments, meat inspection system, storage, handling and distribution of products.

5. Animal Health Situation

- a. The animal/poultry disease situation and details of previous outbreaks (OIE listed diseases);
- b. National programmes for surveillance, control, prevention and eradication of such diseases;
- c. Zoning and compartmentalisation programmes (if any);
- d. National contingency plans for diseases of concern;
- e. Describe the vaccination programmes (if any) against such diseases;
- f. Animal identification and traceability systems;
- g. Animal movement controls.

6. Competent Authority (CA)

- a. The set up and organisational structure of the veterinary services;
- b. Financial resources available (including resource allocation for personnel, equipment, contingency plans, compensation policies etc);
- c. Authority and capability to authorise the private sector (veterinarians and laboratories) to carry out official tasks on behalf of the Competent Authority;
- d. Licensing authority and licensing system of approved export abattoirs, meat and egg processing establishments;

- e. National standards for slaughterhouses and meat processing establishments (including information on ante and post mortem inspections);
- f. Veterinary oversight in export establishments including frequency and nature of official controls; granting, monitoring and delisting of establishments; control over the use of official inspection stamps and health certificates;
- g. Training and professional development programmes (including continuing education);
- h. Powers and sanctions available in the event of non-compliance with national legislation;
- i. Communication and coordination efforts with neighbouring countries (for movement and disease control);
- j. Authority and capability of the Competent Authority to achieve and implement harmonisation of local standards with international standards;
- k. Annual report of the Competent Authority, especially the laboratories (if available);
- l. OIE-PVS evaluation report (if available).

7. National Control Programmes

- a. National microbiological food safety controls;
- b. National chemical and residue controls;
- c. Import control of livestock and livestock products;
- d. Control on the use and distribution of veterinary drugs (including growth promoters and antibiotics);
- e. List of banned drugs/substances.

8. Laboratory Services

- a. Number of official laboratories in the country both for animal health and food safety;
- b. Testing capabilities of the laboratories (including residues, chemicals, pesticides, radionuclides, metals etc);
- c. Details of any internal quality management systems;
- d. Accreditation status (registration/audit) of the official laboratories;
- e. Details of any ring tests organised and operated within the laboratory network and/or with laboratories in other countries or international reference laboratories through proficiency testing programmes.