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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली -110 001,

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001,

दिनांक / Dated the 23rd January, 2026.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Ovine Meat and Ovine Meat Products into India– regarding.

Please find enclosed a copy of “**Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Ovine Meat and Ovine Meat Products into India**”.

2. The draft of said certificate was notified to the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures. After considering the comments received from member countries, the certificate has been finalized.

3. The said veterinary health certificate will serve as official veterinary health certificate requirement for import of ovine meat and ovine meat products into India. It will come into force after 60 days from the date of notification to the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Encl: As above.

Gagan Garg
23-01-2026

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(Dr. Gagan Garg)

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Joint Commissioner (Trade)

Distribution:

1. All Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Service, Delhi / Mumbai / Bengaluru / Chennai / Kolkata / Hyderabad to disseminate the information with all the stakeholders including importers through facilitation channels.
2. Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi. Email: ceo@fssai.gov.in

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3. Joint Secretary (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi. Email: jskus@nic.in
4. SPS Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, *with a request to notify to the WTO SPS Committee for information of Member Countries, at the earliest.*
5. NIC, DAHD, with a request to upload on the Departmental as well as AQCS's website.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT¹ OF OVINE MEAT AND OVINE MEAT PRODUCTS INTO INDIA

I. General Information

1. Veterinary Health certificate No: Date:	2. Competent Authority 2.1 Ministry: 2.2 Department: 2.3 Contact Details and Email:		
3. Invoice No. Date:	4. Quantity: 4.1 Type of packaging 4.1 Number of packages 4.3 Net Weight		
5. Consignor / exporter Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:			
6. Consignee /importer: Name: Address: Tel. no. and Email:			
7. Country of origin:	ISO Code:		
8. Place of loading:			
9. Country of Destination:	ISO Code:		
10. Declared Port of Entry ²			
11. Mode of Transport:	12. Temperature:		
13. Identification of Container:	14. Seal No.		
15. SIP/DGFT License no. with Date and Validity			
16. Identification of the product as described below: (multiple lines may be used for multiple products)			
a)	Description of the Products along with HS code:	Intended purpose:	
b)	Name and address of abattoir/cutting up establishment/processing establishment	Approval number/s of abattoir/cutting up establishment/processing/establishment (Number /Date / Validity) along with Name and address of the Registration / Accreditation Authority	
c)	Name of the product	Lot no. / Batch no.	
d)	Date of Manufacture or Packaging	Best before (if applicable)	Date of Expiry

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

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

I. Sanitary Information

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the ovine meat/ovine meat product described above satisfies the following requirements:

- i. The country of origin of raw material and final product is under negligible Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the WOAH Terrestrial Code and is free from Scrapie, Foot and Mouth Disease (with or without vaccination), Vesicular Stomatitis and Rift Valley Fever as per WOAH listing.
- ii. The product originates from disease free establishment, herd or flock and animals related to the diseases of source animal species including Nairobi Sheep disease, Border's disease, Tuberculosis, Sheep and Goat Pox, Blue tongue, Peste des petits ruminants, Ovine epididymitis, Caprine and Ovine brucellosis, Anthrax, Black-leg, Leptospirosis, Contagious agalactia, Echinococcus, Caprine arthritis/encephalitis, Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, Malignant Catarrhal Fever, Ovine Chlamydiosis, Maedi-visna, Ecto and Endo parasitic infestation/infection during last 2 years.
- iii. The product come from establishments that are not placed under movement restrictions for the control of anthrax and where there has been no case of anthrax during the 20 days prior to slaughter.
- iv. The product originates from the animal which did not show any clinical sign and symptoms of any infectious/contagious diseases related to source animal species (as per para ii above) and had undergone ante- and post-mortem inspections with favourable results, which have been slaughtered for human consumption at an abattoir approved by the National Veterinary Authority of the country of origin in accordance with WOAH Chapter 6.3.
- v. The product comes from source animals slaughtered in abattoirs /processing plants accredited for export by the National Veterinary Authority, where no bovine/porcine or poultry tissue/protein has been added to the lamb meat has been processed during production of fresh meat or added to the meat products at any stage during production and processing.
- vi. The product came from the animals which have not been kept in the infected zone and establishment for the diseases related to source animal species and have not been derived from the source animal species slaughtered/culled as part of an eradication/control program for any disease related to source animal species.
- vii. The product comes from an establishment that complies with biosecurity procedures in accordance with International Standards and Guidelines, good hygiene practices and Food Safety Standards for the control of foodborne pathogens including salmonella, campylobacter, yersinia and E.coli.

- viii. The establishment of production shall have the system of monitoring of the quantities and usage patterns of antimicrobial agents used in animals as per WOAH Chapter 6.9 of TAHC and does not have residues of pesticides, drugs, mycotoxin and chemicals above the Maximum Residue Limits prescribed internationally.
- ix. The consignment(s) destined to India do not contain beef and beef products in any form. The source animals have never been fed with feeds produced by containing materials of internal organs, blood meal and tissues originated from cows and their progenies (except milk and milk products).
- x. The country of origin has system in place to demonstrate that the residues of pesticides, drugs, mycotoxins and chemicals in the meat and meat products are in compliance with the limits prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011 of India.
- xi. The product complies with the standards of sheep/goatmeat products including the microbiological requirements and food additives as specified under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 of India.
- xii. The entire consignment of meat or meat products is prepared, packed and transported prior to export under good hygienic practice and an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems where appropriate and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 4, as applicable, of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 (India) and such other guidelines as specified from time to time under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- xiii. Regular inspection/ monitoring of checks in according with FSS Act, 2006, rules and regulations made there under and as per the criteria specified by FSSAI.
 - a) Conditions for transport / storage: Frozen / Chilled / Ambient / _____.
 - b) Temperature required during storage and transportation: _____.
- xiv. Adequate precautions were taken after collection, processing and during transit to avoid contact and contamination of product with any potential source of infection related to source animal. The product is packed in new, fresh, clean packing material and the materials are not exposed to any products with potential source of infectious materials. The packaging material used shall be in accordance with the FSS (Packaging) regulation, 2018 (India).

Official stamp:

Signature _____

Official Veterinarian	
Name:	Designation:
Address and Email:	
Date:	

Post import clearance requirements:

1. On arrival in India the consignment and the documents will be examined by the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.
2. The samples shall be taken for testing of Malignant Catarrhal Fever, Nairobi sheep disease, Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis and other diseases as per facility by ICAR-NIHSAD.
3. In case of the documents are not conforming to the requirements or the product is not as per protocol or tested positive for any disease appropriate action shall be taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.
4. At no point of time, imported product shall find way to animal food chain,
5. The left over product shall be disposed off through incineration.
6. The labeling of the products should be done in local/regional language also.

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