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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001,

दिनांक / Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Ovine / Caprine Meat and Ovine / Caprine Meat Products into India – reg.**

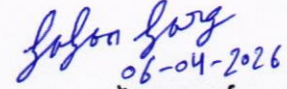
Please refer to addendum notification G/SPS/N/IND/337/Add.1, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 notifying the "Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Ovine Meat and Ovine Meat Products into India" to WTO SPS Committee.

2. The said veterinary health certificate requirements has been further reviewed and revised considering comments received from WTO member countries.

3. The "Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Ovine / Caprine Meat and Ovine / Caprine Meat Products into India" enclosed herewith will serve as official veterinary health certificate requirements for import of ovine / caprine meat and ovine / caprine meat products into India. It will be completely in force after transition / migration period of six months from the date of notification to the WTO SPS Committee.

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

**Encl: As above.**

  
06-04-2026

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(Dr. Gagan Garg)

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Joint Commissioner (Trade)

**Distribution:**

- (i) All Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Service, Delhi / Mumbai / Bengaluru / Chennai / Kolkata / Hyderabad to disseminate the information with all stakeholders including importers through facilitation channels.
- (ii) 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
- (iii) Joint Secretary (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi. Email: jscus@nic.in
- (iv) SPS Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (v) NIC, DAHD, with a request to upload on the Departmental as well as AQCS's website.

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT<sup>1</sup> OF OVINE /  
CAPRINE MEAT AND OVINE / CAPRINE 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 <sup>2</sup>			
11. Mode of Transport:		13. Seal No.	
12. Identification of Container:			
14. SIP/DGFT License no. with Date and Validity			
15. 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

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>Port 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.

## 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 Terrestrial Animal Health Code by the World Organisation for Animal Health and is free from Rift Valley Fever as per listing in World Organisation for Animal Health.
- ii. the country of origin or zone of raw material and final product is free from Foot and Mouth Disease (without vaccination); *or*  
  
the country of origin or zone of raw material and final product is free from Foot and Mouth Disease (with vaccination) and from which the head, including the pharynx, tongue and associated lymph nodes, has been excluded from the shipment.
- iii. the country of origin of raw material and final product is free from scrapie; *or*
  - a. scrapie is compulsorily notifiable in the country of origin;
  - b. the Skulls including brains, ganglia and eyes, vertebral column including ganglia and spinal cord, tonsils, thymus, spleen, intestine, adrenal gland, pancreas, or liver, and protein products derived there from, from sheep and goats shall not be part of meat and shall not used in feed also;
  - c. the affected sheep and goats are killed and completely destroyed.
- iv. the product originates from disease free establishment, herd or flock and animals related to the diseases of source animal species including Nairobi Sheep Disease, Tuberculosis, Peste des petits ruminants, Caprine and Ovine brucellosis and Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia during the last six months.
- v. 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 twenty days prior to slaughter.
- vi. the source animals originate from an approved establishment/s and the documented animal traceability system is in place.
- vii. 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 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 Competent Authority of the country of origin in accordance with Chapter 6.3 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code by the World Organisation for Animal Health.
- viii. the product comes from source animals slaughtered in abattoirs / processing plants accredited for export by the National Competent Authority, where no bovine and porcine tissue or protein has been added to the lamb meat during process of production of fresh meat or added to the meat products at any stage during processing and production.

- ix. 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.
- x. 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).
- xi. 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.
- xii. the product complies with the standards of sheep /goat meat 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.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. the regular inspection / monitoring of checks in according with Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, rules and regulations made there under and as per the criteria specified by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
- xv. the product is packed in new, fresh, clean packing material and 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 packaging material used shall be in accordance with the FSS (Packaging) regulation, 2018 (India).
- xvi. conditions for transport / storage: Frozen / Chilled / Ambient / \_\_\_\_\_.
- xvii. temperature required during storage and transportation:\_\_\_\_\_.

Official stamp:

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Official Veterinarian</b>	
Name:	Designation:
Address and Email:	
Date:	

**Post import clearance requirements:**

1. On arrival in India, the consignment and the documents shall be examined by the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.
2. The samples shall be taken for testing of Foot and Mouth Disease at ICAR - National Institute on Foot & Mouth Disease (ICAR - NIFMD), Bhubaneswar or any other designated laboratory (the testing is not required, in case the country of origin is free from Foot and Mouth Disease).
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, the 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, the 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 shall be done in local/regional language also.