

Minutes of the Health and Technical Requirements for the Import of Sheep and Goat Meat and their Products

Introduction:

The following health and technical requirements developed by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) shall apply to sheep and goat meat and their products exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

Parties:

First party: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by SFDA

Second party: Russian Federation represented by Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor).

Purpose:

On the basis of the information submitted by the second party regarding the control of scrapie and the precautionary measures applied to animals from birth to slaughter as well as the relevant pathogenic detection methods used, and the operating traceability and veterinary inspection systems. the first party has laid down, in addition to the health and technical conditions posted on SFDA portal, the following requirements to facilitate lifting the temporary ban imposed on sheep and goat meat and their products imported from the second party to KSA. It also paves the way for the approval of food businesses wishing to export sheep and goat meat and their products to KSA.

The second party is committed to the following requirements:

1. Sheep and goat meat and their products destined to KSA shall only originate from animals born and reared on the soil of the second party.
2. The second party shall apply a traceability system for animals from birth to slaughter, which includes identification by ear tags, or any other system for animal registration.
3. The second party shall apply sheep and goat an awareness, surveillance and monitoring system as referred to in (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code Articles Article 14.8.2. is in place.
4. The second party shall provide guarantees that the entire consignment of sheep and goat meat and their products exported to KSA originates from:
 - a. Healthy animals, free from pathogenic signs of scrapie or any other diseases. In addition, the meat are produced from sheep and goats that showed no clinical sign of scrapie on the day of slaughter.

- b. Animals which have never been fed with animal protein (with the exception of fish meal), including meat, bone meal, and greaves, or any other sources prohibited by the Islamic Sharia such as blood or derivatives of porcine.
 - c. Animals slaughtered within the territory of the second party – in licensed abattoirs – accompanying each consignment with a health certificate endorsed by the official stamp from the second party's competent control authorities as indicated in the form enclosed.
 - d. An animal passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection carried out by veterinarian assigned by the second party competent authority.
 - e. Plants, breeding centers or farms that are not subject to an official eradication campaign by the second party's authorities due to a scrapie case or any other notifiable diseases.
5. All consignments of sheep and goat meat and their products, exported to KSA, shall originate from establishments approved by the second party's competent control authorities after authorization by the first party. For this purpose, the second party shall provide a list of the establishments approved in accordance with the health requirements outlined in this minute.
6. Food business establishments, exporting sheep and goat meat and their products to KSA shall apply a HACCP system.
7. All consignments of sheep and goat meat and their products are:
- a. Sealed, and endorsed with the official stamps of the second party entrusted with issuing the health certificates.
 - b. Fit for human consumption.
 - c. Accompanied by a Halal slaughter certificate as per GSO 993 "Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Law" from an Islamic center or an association approved by KSA.
 - d. In compliance with the GSO standards posted on SFDA portal www.sfda.gov.sa.
8. The second party shall comply with article (4/1/7) of GSO No.2141 General Requirements for "Genetically Modified Unprocessed Agricultural products" Which prohibits import of genetically modified Animals, Birds, Fish and their products.

9. The second party shall facilitate the mission of a technical team assigned by the first party to conduct follow-up visits to sheep and goat meat preparation and processing establishments as approved by the first party.
10. The first party has the right to reject any consignment of sheep and goat meat and their products from the second party if any of the requirements outlined in this minute are not met.
11. The first party has the right to suspend or cancel the approval of any establishment found to be in violation of the Halal, health and technical requirements adopted by SFDA.

Signatories and Dates

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