

Minutes of the Health and Technical Requirements for the Import of Poultry Meat and its Products

Introduction:

The following health and technical requirements developed by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) shall apply to poultry meat and its 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 (Rosselkhozadzor).

Purpose:

On the basis of the information submitted by the second party regarding the control and precautionary measures to safeguard against the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) or any other diseases applicable to poultry at all production chain, as well as the relevant pathogenic detection methods used, and the operating traceability and veterinary inspection systems, the first party has laid down the following requirements to facilitate lifting the temporary ban imposed on poultry meat and its products imported from the second party to KSA. It also paves the way for the approval of food businesses wishing to export their poultry meat and its products to KSA.

The second party is committed to the following requirements:

1. Poultry meat and its products destined to KSA shall only originate from poultry produced on the soil of the second party at all production chain (from hatchery to slaughter).
2. If the origin of poultry is out of the Republic of Russian Federation, it shall come from establishments approved by SFDA and it shall be accompanied by certificate of origin, health and halal certificates.
3. The second party shall apply a farm registration system as well as flock registration including data on poultry health, production, medication, vaccination, mortality and surveillance.
4. The second party shall maintain a system of investigating diseases of all live and slaughtered poultry, which show possible HPAI signs, or any other notifiable diseases.
5. The second party shall provide guarantees that the entire consignment of poultry meat and its products exported to KSA originates from:
 - a. Healthy poultry, free from pathogenic signs of HPAI avian or any other diseases.

- b. Poultry which have never been fed with animal protein or any other sources prohibited by the Islamic Sharia such as blood or derivatives of porcine (with the exception of fish meal).
 - c. Poultry 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 HPAI case or any other notifiable diseases.
6. All poultry meat and poultry 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.
7. Food business establishments exporting poultry meat and its products to KSA shall apply a HACCP system.
8. All consignments of Poultry meat and its 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.
9. 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.
10. The second party shall facilitate the mission of a technical team assigned by the first party to conduct follow-up visits to poultry meat preparation and processing establishments as approved by the first party.

11. The first party has the right to reject any consignment of poultry meat and its products from the second party if any of the requirements outlined in this minute are not met.
12. 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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