

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN AND THE ROLE OF VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION

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Role of Veterinary Services Division

- The responsible authority for food safety for animal based products for exports:

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Animal Based Products

- Feed
- Live animals – Dogs, Cats, Poultry, Horses, cattle, Goats, Sheep, Pigs, Lobsters
- Fishery products
- Bee Products
- Meat Products – chicken, beef, pork, seafood
- Dairy Products
- Egg Products

Declaration

- **Products that do not contain animal derivatives.**

International requirements for exports

- **Every country wishing to export food of animal origin must be able to satisfy certain animal health, public health, veterinary certification, traceability system, residues requirements monitor within a legal framework.**

Law for Aquaculture and Fishery Products

- The Aquaculture, Inland And Marine Products And By-products (Inspection, Licensing And Export) Act
- The Aquaculture Inland And Marine Products And By-products Regulations, 2000



Law for Meat, Dairy, Egg and Bee Products

- Meat, Meat Product and Meat By-Product Act 1999
(Inspection and Export)
- Dairy, Egg and Bee products – International requirements

Role of Veterinary Services Division

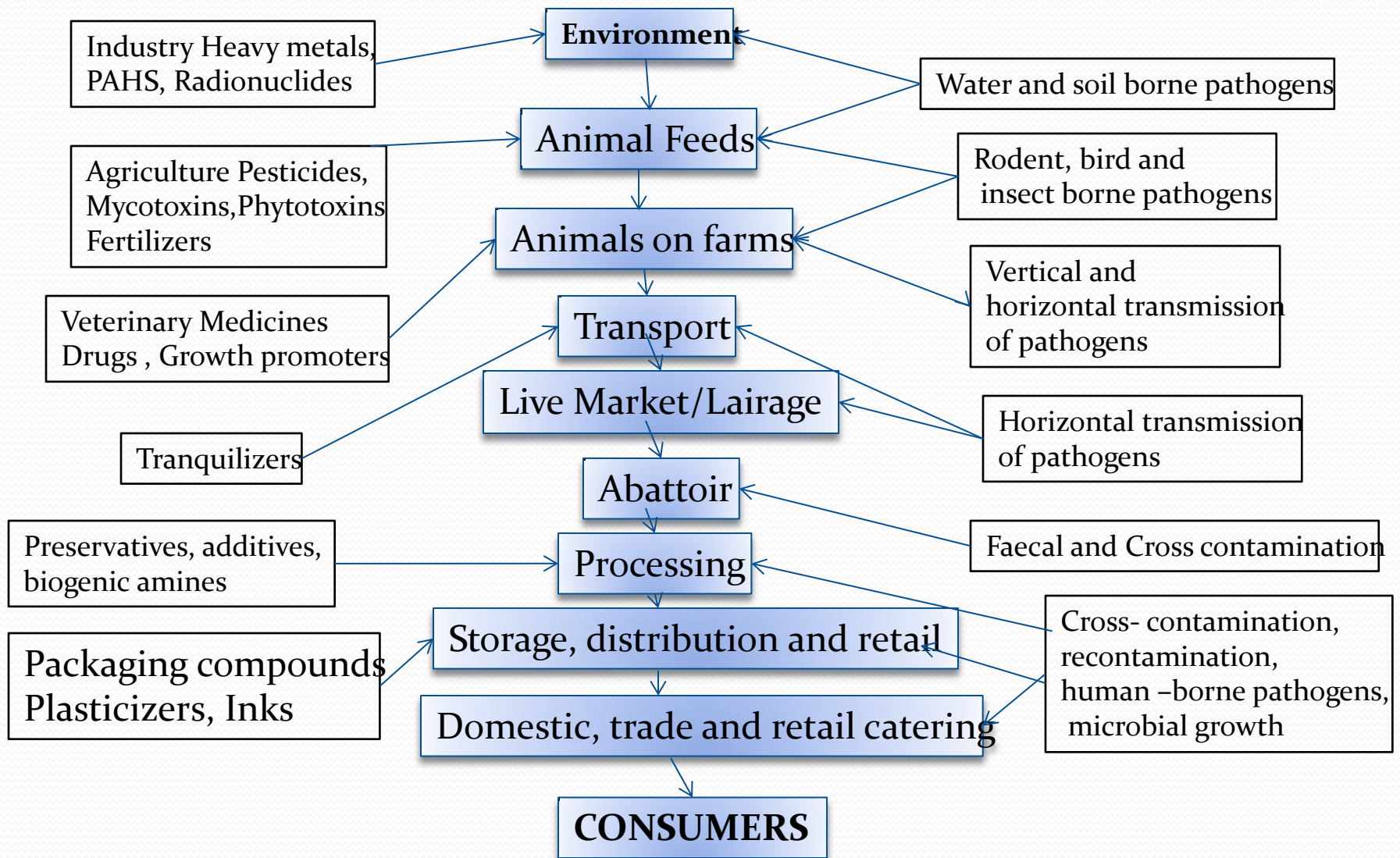
- International guidelines (WHO, FAO, OIE, WTO) have indicated that the Veterinary Services role in the certification of animal products for export is to provide certification about the animal health status of the region, of origin and food safety of the product.
- Review Canada, EU or FSMA requirements for importation into these countries

FOOD CHAIN AND ASSOCIATED HAZARDS

Chemical Agents

Food Chain

Biological agents (bacteria, viruses, parasites)



STEPS FOR EXPORTING ANIMALS AND ANIMAL BASED PRODUCTS





STEP 1

- Must know the market requirements you intent to sent your products to:
- Canada, EU, USA/FSMA or CARICOM requirements for importation into these countries
- Review these requirements to see if you can meet them
 - traceability of your food safety system must be demonstrated both on paper and in infrastructure

STEP 1

Intended Country's Import Requirements

- Proposed country should send their import requirements.
- Each consignment **MUST** be accompanied by a Health Certificate duly signed by an authorized Government Veterinary Officer of the country of origin to the effect that the conditions stipulated on the permit have been met.
- Countries may change their import requirements without notice. In all cases, the **exporter has the responsibility** of having their importer confirm with the competent authority in the importing country the certification requirements prior to shipping.



STEP 2 - Export Procedures

- Informing the Veterinary Services Division(VSD) by writing to the Director of their intentions to export – where from and where to , what and type of product, how?
- Presentation of **import requirements** of the proposed importing country.
- Export will be approved only if the necessary health checks on animals, animal products and by-products have been completed



STEP 3

Registered Facilities

- Farms
- Hatcheries
- Trucks transport animals
- Feed
- Veterinary Drug outlets
- Slaughter facilities
- Refrigerated trucks
- Processing plants
- Cold storage facilities
- Warehouses



STEP 3

Registration of facilities

- Inspection systems - ensure those foods, and their production systems, meet requirements in order to protect consumers against food-borne hazards.
- Emergency Situations - include holding suspect products upon arrival, recall procedures, rapid notification of the problem to international bodies and possible measures to take

STEP 3

Registration of facilities

- Documenting the System - A food import/export control system should be fully documented, including a description of its scope and operation, responsibilities and actions for staff, in order that all parties involved know precisely what is expected of them.
- Registration Procedures – Each facility is required to apply for registration. Registration requirements are then given according to the operations. Audit report conduct by VSD is required for completing the registration along with the registrations documents.

STEP 3

Registration of facilities

- Monitoring Procedures An assigned veterinary inspectors to each facility where quarterly inspections and reports are done.





Step 4

Checks for export by VSD inspectors

1. Risk analysis of Food borne hazards related to the product
2. Traceability of animals and animal based products
3. International standards for trade of animal based products
4. Meeting local food safety laws
5. Registration and Certifications of facility with VSD(GPS)
6. Conduct Inspections, monitoring and verifications
7. Own checks samples are sent to the Veterinary Laboratory for microbiology or residue testing

Step 3

Risk Based Systems



1. Development of **scientific risk-based systems** influenced by WTO SPS Agreement - sanitary and phytosanitary measures shall be based on an assessment of risks to human, animal or plant life or health, taking into account risk assessment techniques developed by relevant international organizations
2. Global positioning system - **mapping and data collection** to determine the level of risk based on production activities represent the level of risk

HUNGARY RED MUD SPILL

A perished fish killed by the red mud pollution in the river Marcal is seen in a bucket in Gyöer-Gyirmot, 126 kms west of Budapest, Hungary, 07 October 2010.

All living beings, animals and plants, have been **killed** by the pollution in this river after three days earlier a dike of a reservoir containing red mud of an alumina factory in nearby Ajka broke, and over **one million cubic meters of the poisonous chemical sludge** inundated three villages, **killing four persons** and injuring over hundred. Three people are unaccounted for and hundreds of families have been evacuated.



GLOBAL POSTIONING SYSTEM OF THE RED MUD SPILL



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EXPORTING REQUIREMENT ATTAINABLE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CERTIFICATE APPROVED FOR PREPARATION? ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPOINTMENT DATE _____ VO/ INSPECTOR ASSIGNED _____

SIGNATURE OF VEIHING VETERINARIAN _____

Import requirements for USA



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Service

Veterinary Services

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Clarification of NCIE Policy for the importation of hides and skins from Mexico:

Veterinary Services (VS), National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) recently published a regulation in the Federal Register implementing new requirements for the importation of fresh (green) ruminant hides and skins from Mexico. The new requirements include verification, by Customs and Border Protection, that the ruminant hides and skins are:

- (1) free of live and dead ticks, AND
- (2) accompanied by an official certificate stating that the ruminant hides and skins have been treated with an acaricide; OR
- (3) accompanied by proof that the ruminant hides and skins were taken from cattle that were dipped with a specific tickicidal dip at a Mexican facility 7 to 12 days prior to slaughter; OR
- (4) accompanied by a certificate/documentation issued by the importer or shipper attesting to the fact that the ruminant hides and skins were frozen solid for 24 hours. Please be advised that the hides and skins need to be in a condition (thawed) to allow for inspection for ticks.

Ticks pose a risk of disease (i.e. cattle fever, heartwater) introduction due of their ease of mobility, small size and resistance to freezing. Because of this, VS has limited the importation of ruminant hides and skins from Mexico to the provisions listed above (9CFR 95.5). As a result, VS inactivated (classified as "prohibited") all USDA approved establishments that were previously approved to receive ruminant hides and skins that are infested with ticks.

Therefore, although consignment to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved establishment is an option for the other hides and skins (i.e. swine, birds) listed in the new regulations, ruminant hides and skins from Mexico that do not meet the new import requirements, do not have this option as there are no longer USDA approved establishments approved to receive ruminant hides or skins from Mexico.

In accordance with VS, NCIE current policy, fresh (green) ruminant hides and skins from Mexico not meeting the above 4 import requirements must be refused entry.

Thank you for your consideration,
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Import requirements for Cayman Islands



CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FROM **JAMAICA**

The Animals Law (2013 Revision)

Please read this brochure carefully, as the requirements may be different from those of other countries. Failure to meet these requirements exactly will result in your pet being refused entry into the Cayman Islands. Your local veterinarian will be able to help you with adhering to the requirements.

A. PERMIT TO IMPORT

All dogs and cats entering the Cayman Islands must be accompanied by an **Import Permit** issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture. You must provide evidence that your animal complies with all of our import requirements before we will issue an Import Permit. Please see page 4 of this document for the application form. All correspondence and copies of the documents for consideration beforehand (up to six months with payment) may be sent to:

Veterinary Services Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 459 Grand Cayman KY1-1106 Cayman Islands	Physical address: 181 Lottery Road, Lower Valley Bodden Town, Grand Cayman	Tel: (345) 947-3090 Fax: (345) 947-6501 Email: shana.chin@gov.ky or: ciagriculture@gov.ky
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B. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

In order to bring your dog or cat into the Cayman Islands, the following procedures must be carried out in the order shown below:

1. Your pet must first be permanently identified with a microchip transponder.
Only microchip brands accepted by the International Standards Organisation (Standard 11784 or Annex A to standard 11785) should be used. These include some AVID®, Home Again®, and Identichip® microchips... those that are read by 134.2 kHz scanners. Please note: not all microchips conform to this standard.

The microchip number must be recorded on all documentation required for the importation of your dog or cat.

2. After microchip identification a licensed veterinarian must vaccinate your pet.
*Dogs must have received a combination vaccine against Distemper, Hepatitis, Adenovirus, Parvovirus and Leptospirosis, at a minimum of 12 weeks of age.
Cats must have received a combination vaccine against feline enteritis and calicivirus at a minimum of 12 weeks of age.*

Your pet will be eligible for entry into the Cayman Islands a minimum of two weeks after the date the most recent vaccination was completed.

3. **For dogs only:** within 14 days of scheduled travel your dog must be bathed/dipped for ticks with a product known to have residual action against ticks.
A product containing Amirtaz (e.g. Taktic, Trintix, Revitraz) or Ceomanthes (e.g. Asuntol) is preferred.
4. Within 7 days of the scheduled date of travel your pet must be treated for tapeworms and ticks.
*For tapeworms: a preparation containing praziquantel at a dose rate of 5mg/kg body weight.
For ticks: a topical preparation known to have residual action. A product containing flupronil is preferred.
NOTE The following products are **NOT** acceptable: Shampoos, collars, preparations that are licensed for control of fleas only (e.g. Program®, Advantage®, Revolution® or Sentinel®).*
5. Also within 7 days of the scheduled date of travel, your pet must be examined and issued with an **Official Veterinary Health Certificate** (see section C. on Health Certificate).
The health certificate may be issued by a licensed veterinarian but must be endorsed (stamp or seal and signature) by an official veterinarian who is employed full time by the Jamaican Ministry of Agriculture, Veterinary Services Division.

Step 5

Health certificate or Attestation Letter

- Will be granted based on the following :
 - Registered Facility
 - Food Safety system
 - Processing Facility/product monitoring report(s)
 - Processing and Product report(s) for single shipment(when applicable)
 - Good laboratory result(s)
 - Satisfying the importing country's requirements.





Conclusion

- Step 1 -Must know you Market requirements
- Step 2- Contact Veterinary Services Division – intent to export
- Step 3 -Food Safety plan indicating traceability of your product form “farm to Fork” is your responsibility .
 - Good Agricultural Practices
 - On Farm Food Safety Programmes
 - Animal Welfare concerns
 - National Residue Control programme
 - Food Safety systems – Animal Identification and Traceability
- Step 4 – Registration and Inspection - verification
- Step 5 -The exporter should obtain any required certificates prior to shipping. Most countries will not accept certificates issued after consignments have shipped.



THE END

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