

DRAFT VETERINARY QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

ARTICLE (1) – DEFINITIONS AND EXPRESSIONS

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Slaughter Animals

Imported animals for direct slaughter or those which stay under veterinary supervision from their arrival until they are slaughtered.

Breeding Animals

Imported animals for other purposes other than direct slaughter such as fattening and breeding etc.

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Meat and poultry and fresh,
and meat and fish powder and
and its products such as ch
or hatching and eg

Animal by-products

Includes refuse and fresh and dried blood, horns, hoofs, hairs, wool, furs, feathers, animal manures, bones, intestines, rumen and the remains of animals used in fertilizers and fish fins and bones and bones and sea shell powder.

Embryos

Live fertilized egg from breeding animals (mammals and birds)

Veterinary Medical Products

Veterinary Medicines

Accompanying Exigencies:

Include saddles and reins and filling tools and covers and saddle blankets and all tools accompanying the animal.

Supervising Doctor

Veterinary doctor appointed by the supervising government authority responsible for the veterinary quarantine.

Competent Veterinary Authority

Veterinary Department responsible for the Veterinary Quarantine.

Animal Feed

Processed and unprocessed food substances used for animal consumption.

Quarantine

Any building or a group of buildings in which the animals are completely isolated under the supervision and monitoring of the supervising doctor to ensure their freedom from infection of diseases without allowing them to mingle directly with other animals.

Infectious Diseases

Any contagious and infectious disease classified under lists (A & b) as per the classification of the International Office of Epizooties (OIE) and the forthcoming amendments.

Animal Consignment and Transit

All animals, animal products and by products whether incoming or outgoing or passing through the country on which the provision of this regulation shall apply.

Approved Certificate (attested)

Certificate issued and endorsed by government authority and if it is issued by any authority other than Gulf Cooperative Council Countries it shall be attested by the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman or any one of the member countries Embassies or their representatives or their acting authority.

The Country

Sultanate of Oman

Member Countries

Arabian Gulf Countries of the Cooperative Council

ARTICIEL (4):

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The competent veterinary authority shall preserve the right to take any action it may consider necessary with respect to the inspection, health conditions, tests, vaccination and to take samples of the imported consignment or products or animal by products and send them to the laboratories to ensure their clearance from the infectious and contagious diseases and their suitability for human consumption before releasing them.

ARTICLE (4.2):

If it is proven that the imported consignment is not suitable for consumption, it shall be rejected and prohibited from entry to the Sultanate and shall be returned to the country of origin or destroyed on the account of the importer. A certificate shall be issued by the supervising doctor indicating the rejection of the consignment, the reasons for the rejection and the destruction of the consignment if it has been carried out.

ARTICLE (4.3):

The entry of the consignments of animals, feed, veterinary biological products and accompanying exigencies to the Sultanate from countries other than the member countries shall not be permitted except through the recognized inlet ports which have veterinary quarantines and the competent veterinary authority may authorize when necessary the entry of the imported animals through all or some of the ports and inlets and place them in the veterinary quarantines for the period it may consider necessary.

ARTICLE (4.4):

The entry of the animals arriving on foot to the Sultanate shall not be authorized without obtaining a license in advance from the competent veterinary authority and it shall be inspected by the supervising doctor whether they are intended for slaughter, grazing or breeding purposes.

ARTICLE (5):

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The imported consignment of animals, animal products or by-products or feed for consumption, processing or other purposes shall be accompanied with international veterinary health certificate issued by a government authority in the country of origin and endorsed by the Embassy of the Sultanate or any country of the member countries and shall satisfy all health conditions and details required in the imported consignment along with the following details:

ARTICIEL (5.1.1):

The name of the consignor, the country of origin, name of the importer, number of the animals or the quantity of the consignment, particulars of the

consignment, the exporting country, number of the production operation, date of the production and expiry and the consignment distinguishing marks.

ARTICLE (5.1.2):

The competent veterinary authority in the Sultanate may request any additional clarifications and details in the health certificates according to the development in the country of origin, export and transit to ensure the safety of the consignment.

ARTICLE (5.2):

The imported animal consignments shall be accompanied with import veterinary permit issued by the competent veterinary authority.

ARTICLE (5.3):

Government certificate from the country of origin indicating the clearance of the imported animal consignment from radiation substances.

ARTICLE (5.4):

The imported consignment shall satisfy the following conditions:

ARTICLE (5.4.1) Live Animals:

the health certificate shall show the vaccinations, tests and other health measures applied to these animals before exporting them and all conditions to be met in the animal consignment.

(Two)

The consignment shall be transported to the slaughterhouse or the veterinary quarantine or the designated markets for selling direct slaughter animals under the supervision of the veterinary control until the slaughter is carried out. (Four)

The consignment arriving from countries which do not apply some quarantine measures shall be kept in the quarantine for (21) days. The supervising doctor may reduce the quarantine period if it is proven that the animals are in good health condition and have not shown any disease symptoms with a minimum period of (7) days. (Five)

All direct slaughter animals shall be castrated males. (Six)

The items (a-b-f) shall be indicated in the shipment veterinary certificate. (Seven)

ARTICLE (5.4.1.2)

Imported cattle for breeding purpose^{5.4.1.2)}

The countries from which the consignment is imported shall be free from ~~all~~ ^{One} ~~infectious and contagious diseases~~ mentioned in list "A" of (OIE) classification – ~~1956~~

The consignment shall be free form the infectious diseases mentioned in list "B" of (OIE) classification. (Two)

Official declaration indicating that the father and mother of these animals are not carry (Three)

The consignment shall be free from the diseases mentioned in list "B" as (Two)
per the classification of (OIE).

Each animal shall bear a distinguishing mark. (Three)

The eggs shall be imported from a flock free from all diseases mentioned (One)
in the birds and ornamental birds (A-B)

The eggs shall be fumigated with (formaline – Potassium Permanganate) (Two)
before shipment.

Second: Table eggs.

Each egg shall be stamped with the name of the producing country (One)
and the production and expiry date.

It shall be complied with the standards observed in the Sultanate. (Two)

ARTICLE (5.4.1.8):

Rabbits:

The animals and farms from which the rabbits are taken shall be free from (One)

These animals shall be subject to the quarantine procedures according to (One)
the measurements applied to the breeding animals of the same family.

These animals shall be vaccinated against the indigenous diseases for (Two)
each family provided that only dead vaccines shall be applied to the
breeding animals for the same disease.

Live fish and Insects:

The fish shall be free from the infectious and contagious diseases. (One)

They shall be in good health condition. (Two)

They shall be not contaminated with any harmful material to the (Three)
human, animal or environment.

ARTICLE (5.4.1.13):

Semen and Embryos:

They shall be from a collection centre approved by the exporting country. (One)

The source animals shall be free from the infectious and contagious (Two)
venereal diseases as per the classification lists "A" and "B" of (OIE).

It shall be from countries free from the infectious and contagious (Three)
diseases mentioned in list "A".

The source animals shall be free from any genetical diseases. (Four)

The semen of the dogs and cats shall be from countries free from rabies (Five)
disease.

ARTICLE (5.4.2)-Biological Products

The consignment shall be accompanied with original production certificate (One)
indicating the production and expiry date – the manufacturing company
and the medical formula for the veterinary biological product.

The vaccines and medicines shall be approved for use in the (Two)
manufacturing country or registered in one of the member countries.

ARTICLE (5.4.3.) Animal Products

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(One) The consignment shall be accompanied with a certificate from recognized
Islamic Centre endorsed by the Embassy of the Sultanate or the Embassy
of any one of the member countries indicating that the slaughter has been
carried out according to Islamic Sharia by a Muslim and showing the date
of the slaughter.

Each slaughtered animal or part of it shall bear a mark indicating the date (Two) of the slaughter and that it has been slaughtered according to the Islamic Sharia both in Arabic and English language.

The meat, poultry meat and internal parts shall be suitable for the (Three) consumption.

The meat, poultry meat and internal parts shall be from animals free (Four) from the shared infectious and contagious diseases according to the recommendations of (OIE).

They shall be inspected in government slaughter houses and proved to be (Five) free from the diseases which affect the validity for human consumption.

The meat, poultry meat, and internal parts shall be packed directly (Six) according to the prevailing standards in the Sultanate (date of production, date of expiry, manufacturing country, exported to the Sultanate of Oman, type of the meat and the appropriate temperature for preservation)

All the previous details shall be indicated in the veterinary health (Seven) certificate accompanying the consignment.

ARTICLE (5.4.3.2): Milk Products

This include the following:

Fresh Milk – longlife, concentrated and dried milk, butter, ghee and cheese.

Milk products shall satisfy the following conditions:

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The previous items shall be indicated in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the consignment in addition to the condition of the productive animals before and during the production period and the applied vaccines with the relevant dates and the conditions of the producing country in terms of the infectious and contagious diseases according to (OIE) classification. .§§

ARTICLE (5.4.3.3): Import Fish:

The product shall be suitable for human consumption. (One)

The products shall be packed according to the specifications determined by Codex Alimentarius adopted internationally. (Two)

The fish shall not be caught from waters or in a manner which affect the products quality or validity. (Three)

All previous details shall be indicated in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the consignment. (Four)

(Five) The production and expiry date, the country of origin and the preservation temperature shall be written on each package.

ARTICLE (5.4.4) – Feed, Feed Components, Feed Substitute

The feed, its components and substitutes shall be free from the infectious and contagious diseases and suitable for animal consumption and also free from toxin and forbidden materials such spillage blood and pork products.

The product shall be accompanied with official analysis certificate indicating the following:

Feed analytical description (chemical composition) .*

†. Basic components and their sources

‡. Feed type and the animals which use this feed

The country of origin .§

The feed or its components or substitutes shall be packed according to the prevailing standards in the Sultanate. (One)

The production and expiry date shall be clearly written on each package. (Two)

ARTICLE (5.4.5): Animal by-products and exigencies:

They shall be from countries or region free from the infectious and contagious diseases according to (OIE) classifications in lists "A – B" (One)

The animal by-products and exigencies (hair, wool) shall be disinfected or fumigated before the shipment immediately. (Two)

ARTICLE (6): Exported Consignment:

It shall be observed to obtain export license from the concerned authorities in
the Sultanate.

All animal, animal products and by-products and animal exigencies shall be

If a consignment is rejected in the Sultanate the concerned authority in the country shall immediately notify the Secretariat General of the Cooperative Council with the details of this consignment so that the rest of the member countries can be advised accordingly.

ARTICLE (9):

The suspected animals of being infected with infectious or contagious disease in the Quarantine shall be subject to the necessary procedures such as testing, vaccinating, disinfecting, treating, slaughtering and destroying the animals and disposing off their bodies and the owners of these animals shall not have the right to ask for any compensation to this effect.

ARTICLE (10)

The concerned authorities shall have the right to prevent any transportation mean from entering the Sultanate if it is found out according to a report from the competent veterinary authority that it is carrying or has been carrying any animal or animal products or by-products infected with one of the contagious diseases and not has been disinfected in a manner which ensure that the disease will not be transferred to the human or the animal.

ARTICLE (11)

On the arrival of any transportation mean to the Sultanate and after inspecting its load of animal, animal products or by-products consignment if it has been noted that it is carrying what may cause harm to the human or the animal, the competent veterinary authority shall have the right to order the disinfection of these products on the account of the importer and shall preserve the right to place the load in the veterinary quarantine for applying the required measurements according to this regulations.

ARTICLE (12)

The animals which decided to be kept in the veterinary Quarantine:

ARTICLE (12.1):

Transportation from the entry point to the quarantine:

The importer shall provide the transportation mean from the inlet port to (One) the quarantine on his own account.

The transported animals or birds to the quarantine shall not mingle with (Two) any other animals or birds during the transportation to the quarantine.

ARTICLE (12.2):

Disinfection of the equipment, transportation means and individuals

All vehicles, boxes, tools and consignees which are not used or to be (One) brought inside the Quarantine shall be cleaned and disinfected before permitting them to enter or leave or stay in the Quarantine.

All persons who enter the Quarantine shall use the disinfections if the (Two)

responsible officer of the Quarantine considers that as necessary.

Responsibilities:

The owners of the imported animals which are kept in the quarantine shall (One)

The tools or remains of any type shall not be taken out of the Quarantine (One)

to the animals intended to be taken to the veterinary Quarantine to enable the transportation of these animals from the inlet point to the Quarantine.

The supervising doctor may issue temporary release to the animal products of which a sample has been taken for laboratory test and they shall be kept in the stores of the company under the supervision of the supervising doctor and the municipality until a final decision is taken with respect to its validity according to the laboratory report.

Final release (Two)

The supervising doctor shall issue a final release to the imported consignment of animals or birds or animal products or by products or consignments if they are proved to be safe and valid.

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ARTICLE (14):

If any animals or animal products or by-products or consignments are imported without obtaining a veterinary health certificate from the competent veterinary authority, this authority shall have the right to prevent the consignment from entry and order its return directly to the country of origin on the account of the importer.

ARTICLE (15)

If live animals or birds consignment arrives from a country which is not infected with infections and contagious diseases according to (OIE) report and is not accompanied with the original health certificates and documents it shall be released temporarily and detained in the quarantine or in the custody of the owner for the period to be determined by

The owner shall undertake to provide the entire required original certificates and documents within one week from the date of arrival.

If the owner fails to provide the required original certificates and (Two) documents the competent veterinary authority shall take the necessary action according to the public interest requirement with respect to the release of the consignment.

ARTICLE (18)

The competent veterinary authority shall have the right to carryout the necessary treatments and vaccinations to any imported animals or birds arriving to the Sultanate to secure the safety of the livestock in the country.

ARTICLE (19)

The competent veterinary authority shall have the right to detain any animal inside the Sultanate if it is infected by a disease or suspected of bearing one of the infectious and contagious diseases and apply the internal Quarantine measures accordingly.