

Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine

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Article 1

The Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine (hereinafter "the Regulation") is enacted pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Article 33 of the Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Diseases (hereinafter "the Statute").

Article 2

The scope of the objects subject to animal quarantine (hereinafter "quarantine objects") under the Regulation refers to items as defined in Paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Statute.

Article 3

For the importation of quarantine objects, unless otherwise stipulated in the Regulation, importers or their agents shall submit the following documents to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the Republic of China (hereinafter "the import/export animal quarantine authority") to apply for quarantine inspection:

1. Original veterinary certificate.
2. Bill of lading or sea waybill/air waybill.
3. Photocopies of import declaration or customs declaration.
4. Other relevant documents designated by the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country.

Article 4

The following quarantine objects of live animals and their semen, oocytes, embryos and fertilized eggs are prohibited from being imported unless Paragraph 2 is applicable to them.

1. Bats.
2. Aves class originating from countries or zones not recognized as being free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).
3. Equidae family of Perissodactyla of Mammalia originating from countries or zones not recognized as being free from African horse sickness (AHS) and glanders.
4. Susceptible cloven-hoofed animals of Artiodactyla of Mammalia originating from countries or zones not recognized as being free from foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), peste des petits ruminants (PPR), classical swine fever (CSF), and African swine fever (ASF).
5. Cattle originating from countries or zones that are recognized with reported case(s) of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

6. Animal species mentioned in the above Subparagraphs 2 to 4 and their fertilized eggs originating from countries or zones recognized as being free from regulated diseases are transferred from one transportation tool to another in countries or zones not recognized as being free from regulated diseases.

The aforementioned live animals are exempt from the import prohibition if they belong to either one of the following categories:

1. Quarantine objects that are for research purposes or to supply domestic emergency needs with import approval of the central competent authority of the importing country.
2. Bovine semen, oocytes and embryos that are imported from countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE.
3. Quarantine objects mentioned in Subparagraph 6 of Paragraph 1 of this Article that meet either one of the following requirements:
 - (1) If the quarantine conditions specified in the Regulation encompass risk control measures: The import/export animal quarantine authority confirms that the risk control measures adopted are in compliance with the regulations.
 - (2) If the quarantine conditions specified in the Regulation does not encompass risk control measures: Appropriate risk control measures are taken and the importation is approved by the import/export animal quarantine authority.

Article 5

The importation of the following Aves class and their fertilized eggs shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Poultry and birds: Refer to Attachment 1-1.
2. Day-old poultry and birds and fertilized eggs: Refer to Attachment 1-2.
3. Fertilized chicken eggs for research purposes or vaccine production: Refer to Attachment 1-3.

The importation of the following Aves class and their fertilized eggs from the United States shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements and is exempt from the restrictions set forth in the preceding Paragraph:

1. Poultry and birds imported from the United States: Refer to Attachment 2-1.
2. Day-old poultry and birds and fertilized eggs imported from the United States: Refer to Attachment 2-2.
3. Fertilized chicken eggs for research purposes or vaccine production imported from the United States: Refer to Attachment 2-3.

Article 6

The importation of quarantine objects that are Equidae family of Perissodactyla of Mammalia shall comply with the “Quarantine Requirements for the importation of Horses” set forth in Attachment 3.

Article 7

The importation of the following quarantine objects which are cloven-hoofed animals of Artiodactyla of Mammalia shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Cattle: Refer to attachment 4-1.
2. Pigs: Refer to attachment 4-2.

3. Sheep and Goats: Refer to attachment 4-3.
 4. Deer: Refer to attachment 4-4.
 5. Camelidae animals imported from Australia: Refer to attachment 4-5.
- The importation of cattle from Australia shall comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the importation of Cattle from Australia" set forth in Attachment 5 and is exempt from Subparagraph 1 of the preceding Paragraph restrictions.

Article 8

For the importation of dogs and cats of Mammalia, prior to import, importers or their agents shall apply for the issuance of import quarantine permits from the import/export animal quarantine authority and comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dogs and Cats" set forth in Attachment 6.

Article 9

The importation of quarantine objects of mammals which are not listed in Articles 6 to 8 shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Order Lagomorpha: Refer to Attachment 7-1.
2. Order Primates (non-human): Refer to Attachment 7-2.
3. Marsupials: Refer to Attachment 7-3.
4. Giant Pandas (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*): Refer to Attachment 7-4.
5. Hedgehogs: Refer to Attachment 7-5.
6. Meerkats (*Suricata suricatta*): Refer to Attachment 7-6.
7. Other mammals: Refer to Attachment 7-7.

Article 10

The importation of the following live animals of other classes shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Tortoises: Refer to Attachment 8-1.
2. Bees: Refer to Attachment 8-2.
3. Live fishes and their gametes and fertilized eggs: Refer to Attachment 8-3.
4. Live crustaceans and molluscs: Refer to Attachment 8-4.

The importation of live eels and abalones for human consumption from Australia shall comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Live Eels and Abalones from Australia" set forth in Attachment 9 and is exempt from the restrictions set forth in Subparagraphs 3 to 4 of the preceding Paragraph.

Article 11

The importation of laboratory animals shall comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Animals for Research Purposes" set forth in Attachment 10 and is exempt from the restrictions set forth in Articles 5 to 10.

Article 12

The importation of the following animal semen shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements.

1. Bovine semen: Refer to Attachment 11-1.
2. Swine semen: Refer to Attachment 11-2.
3. Caprine and ovine semen: Refer to Attachment 11-3.
4. Deer semen: Refer to Attachment 11-4.
5. Equine semen: Refer to Attachment 11-5.

6. Canine semen: Refer to Attachment 11-6.

Article 13

The importation of the following animal embryos shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements.

1. Bovine embryos: Refer to Attachment 12-1.
2. Swine embryos: Refer to Attachment 12-2.
3. Caprine and ovine embryos from the United States: Refer to Attachment 12-3.
4. Caprine embryos from France: Refer to Attachment 12-4.

Article 14

Unless otherwise stipulated in the quarantine requirements, prior to importing animals referred in Articles 5 to 10, importers or their agents shall apply for designated animal quarantine facilities or other designated places for post-entry quarantine.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the quarantine requirements, after importation, the animals referred in Articles 5 to 10 shall be accordingly quarantined in compliance with the following respective quarantine periods:

1. Aves: 10 days; fertilized eggs of Aves shall be quarantined for 10 days after being hatched.
2. Equidae of Perissodactyla of Mammalia: 10 days.
3. Cloven-hoofed animals of Artiodactyla of Mammalia: 15 days.
4. Carnivores of Mammalia: 21 days.
5. Other animals: 7 days.

Article 15

The following animal products are prohibited from being imported.

1. Animal products with disease-transmission potential derived from Aves animals originating from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from HPAI or ND.
2. Animal products with disease-transmission potential derived from Equidae animals of Perissodactyla of Mammalia originating from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from glanders.
3. Animal products with disease-transmission potential derived from susceptible Artiodactyla animals of Mammalia originating from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, PPR, CSF, or ASF.
4. Animal products with potential to transmit BSE originating from countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE.
5. Animal products listed in Subparagraphs 1 to 3 of this Paragraph, except bovine serum, originating from countries (zones) recognized as being free from regulated infectious animal diseases, which change their transportation vehicle in countries (zones) not recognized as being free from the corresponding regulated infectious animal diseases during the transit.

The animal products listed in the preceding Paragraph may be imported if any of the following conditions are met:

1. Quarantine objects that are specifically for research trial use which have

been granted by the central competent authority or are in compliance with Article 20.

2. Animal products that comply with the conditions of the high-temperature sterilization canning procedure, excluding the products intended for feed use containing ruminant ingredients originating from countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE.
3. Animal products in which its manufacturing processes and other risk control measures have been assessed and approved that can effectively prevent the transmission of regulated infectious animal diseases and have been approved by the central competent authority prior to the importation.
4. Animal products listed in Subparagraph 5 of the preceding Paragraph that comply with the "Regulations of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container".

The conditions of the high-temperature sterilization canning procedure mentioned in the preceding Paragraph refer to low-acid canned food or acid canned food that are in compliance with the "Regulations on Good Hygiene Practice for Food" of the importing country.

Article 16

The importation of the following meat products shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Game meat: Refer to attachment 13-1.
2. Poultry meat: Refer to attachment 13-2.
3. Meat derived from Artiodactyla animals: Refer to attachment 13-3.

The importation of chilled or frozen beef from Paraguay for human consumption shall comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Deboned (Chilled or Frozen) Beef from Paraguay into the Republic of China" set forth in Attachment 14 and is exempt from the restrictions set forth in the preceding Paragraph.

Article 17

The importation of the following animal feed shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Dog and cat food: Refer to Attachment 15-1.
2. Animal feed: Refer to Attachment 15-2.
3. Straw and forage for animal feed: Refer to Attachment 15-3.

Article 18

The importation of bovine serum and animal vaccine shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Bovine serum: Refer to Attachment 16-1.
2. Animal vaccine: Refer to Attachment 16-2.

The importation of bovine serum from the following designated countries shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements and is exempt from the restrictions set forth in Subparagraph 1 of the preceding Paragraph:

1. Bovine serum from the United States: Refer to Attachment 17-1.
2. Fetal bovine serum from Canada: Refer to Attachment 17-2.
3. Fetal bovine serum from Paraguay: Refer to Attachment 17-3.

Article 19

The importation of the following animal products, which are not listed in Articles 16 to 18 of the Regulation, shall comply with the relevant quarantine requirements:

1. Processed products containing meat: Refer to Attachment 18-1.
2. Dried animal products: Refer to Attachment 18-2.
3. Frozen/chilled uneviscerated fish products: Refer to Attachment 18-3.
4. Products of animal origin: Refer to Attachment 18-4.

Article 20.

The importation of biological materials for research purposes shall comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Biological Materials for Research Purposes" set forth in Attachment 19.

Article 21

For quarantine objects in which their quarantine requirements are not yet designated, importers or their agents shall complete the application form and provide the following documents to apply for the issuance of individual quarantine requirements:

1. The animal's scientific name, including genus and species, or names and ingredients statement of animal products.
2. The animal's health records, or the source of the raw materials and manufacturing process of the animal products.
3. Other relevant documents designated by the import/export animal quarantine authority.

The central competent authority shall notify the importers or their agents who fail to provide the required documents/information accordingly to resubmit within a prescribed time limit. Any applications that fail to provide complete required documents or those submitted exceeding the due date set by the central competent authority will not be accepted.

If applications submitted in accordance with Paragraph 1 are evaluated by risk assessment and in compliance of the following requirements, individual quarantine requirements may be issued by the central competent authority:

1. There is no risk of introducing regulated infectious animal diseases after assessment.
2. The risk of introducing regulated infectious animal diseases can be controlled.

Article 22

The Regulation shall enter into force on April 29, 2022.