

Minutes of the Health and Technical Requirements for the Import of Beef and Beef Products

Introduction:

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

Parties:

First party: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by SFDA

Second party: Republic of Poland represented by the General Veterinary Inspectorate

Purpose:

On the basis of the information submitted by the second party regarding the control of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) 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 beef and beef products exported from the second party to KSA. It also paves the way for the approval of food businesses wishing to export beef and beef products to KSA.

The second party is committed to the following requirements:

1. Beef and beef products destined to KSA shall only originate from animals born and reared on the soil of the second party or imported legally from countries not banned for the importation of beef by the KSA.
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 maintain a system of investigation into all live and slaughtered cattle showing possible signs of or suspected to have BSE, including live or fallen animals, as per the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Articles 11.4.20, 11.4.21, and 11.4.22.
4. The second party shall provide guarantees that the entire consignment of beef and beef products exported to KSA originates from:
 - a. Healthy animals, free from pathogenic signs of BSE or any other diseases.
 - 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. Each consignment of beef and beef products is accompanied with a health certificate endorsed by the official stamp from the second party’s competent control authorities as indicated in the form enclosed.
 - d. Animals of 30 months of age or less, and that the beef and beef products are SRM-free and not contaminated with meat from cattle exceeding 30 months of age.
 - e. Plants, breeding centers or farms that are not subject to an official eradication campaign by the second party’s authorities due to a BSE case or any other notifiable diseases.
5. All consignments of beef and beef 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 beef and beef products to KSA shall apply a HACCP system.
 7. All consignments of beef and beef products are:
 - a. Sealed and equipped with health certificates endorsed with the official stamps of the second party’s authorities, entrusted with issuing the health certificates.
 - b. In compliance with requirements of SFDA decision 123/35 posted on SFDA portal, taking into account the second party’s health status.
 - c. Fit for human consumption.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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 beef and beef products preparation and processing establishments as approved by the first party.
10. The first party has the right to reject any consignment of beef and beef 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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