

REGULATION
on measures to prevent the introduction of animal diseases and contaminated products in Iceland

Chapter I
Purpose and Scope

Article 1

The purpose of this regulation is to prevent the introduction in Iceland of diseases with imported animal by-products, eggs, dairy products and other products covered by the regulation. Furthermore, to prevent the importation to Iceland of raw animal products from animals which have been given growth-stimulating substances during breeding.

Article 2

The Regulation applies to the importation of all types of animal products and other products that may contain infectious agents dangerous to animal and human health.

Chapter II
Protection against animal diseases

Article 3

The importation to Iceland of any of the following animal products or products capable of containing infectious agents which are dangerous to animal and human health is not permitted, subject to the further provisions of Chapter IV hereof:

- a. Raw meat, processed or unprocessed, as well as offal and animal by-products.
- b. Animal feeding-stuffs having as constituents:
 1. Fallen stock, including stillborn or unborn animals (animal foetuses);
 2. Animals slaughtered to prevent the spread of animal diseases;
 3. Animal by-products, including blood from animals whose meat on inspection has proven to be unfit for human consumption because of contagious diseases;
 4. Those parts of an animal slaughtered in a normal manner which are not examined during meat inspection. However, this does not apply to hides, blood and similar products;
 5. Meat, domestic poultry, fish, wild game and foods made from animal products that have been spoiled;
 6. Animals, fresh meat and domestic poultry, fish, wild game, meat and dairy products that generally would not meet the requirements of veterinary authorities for importation;
 7. Animal products and animal by-products that contain traces of contaminants which are dangerous for animal and human health;
 8. Fish or fish by-products that have been deemed unsuitable for human consumption because of contagious diseases;
 9. Products from specified risk material, including the spinal cord, brain, head, and spleen of ruminants;
 10. Products that have been contaminated after heat treatment.
- c. Meat meal, bone meal, feed products processed from products or by-products from mammals and fowl.
- d. Wool, used bags or other packaging or wrapping materials, fluff, feathers, down, straw mats, straw baskets, and unprocessed animal hair. Exempted are sterilized raw skins, hides, hunting and fishing trophies and dead mammals/birds intended to be stuffed, provided they are accompanied by a certificate attesting adequate disinfection accepted by the Chief Veterinary Officer.
- e. Untreated eggs, eggshells and egg products.
- f. Unpasteurized milk and dairy products processed from unpasteurized milk.
- g. Hay, straw, manure, potting soil, peat, and compost mixed with manure.

- h. Blood, serum, and other biological products from the animal kingdom, including bacteria, viruses, and specimens of blood, blood serum, cells, tissues and animal proteins.
- i. Used riding gear and unsterilised riding outfits, soiled clothing and rags, as well as equipment which has been used for the storage and transport of animals and animal by-products.
- j. Used agricultural machinery and tools, including horse-trailers and other equipment which has been used in agriculture.
- k. Used fishing gear for angling, unless it has been disinfected.

Chapter III
Human food and pet food

Article 4

Boiled or processed foodstuffs

Imported products which are listed under items 0210, 0401-0408, 1601 and 1602, and the following customs items containing meat: 1901-2023, 1901-2043, 1902-2021, 1902-2022, 1902-2029, 1902-2041, 1902-2042, 1902-2049, 1902-3021, 1902-3029, 1902-3041, 1902-3049, 1902-4021, 1902-4029, 1904-3001, 1904-9001, 1905-9051, 2004-9006, 2005-9001, 2103-9051, 2103-9052, 2103-9059, 2106-9064 in the Customs Tariff, cf. Appendix I to the Customs Act No. 55/1987, which have received satisfactory heat treatment, shall be accompanied by the following certificates, as applicable:

- a. Official certificate of origin and health.
- b. Boiled animal by-products and food products that are not canned/tinned shall be accompanied by an official certificate certifying that the product has been heat-treated so that the core temperature reached 72°C for 15 seconds, if this is not confirmed in the official certificate of origin and health (see sub-paragraph a), or that the product has received comparable treatment accepted by the Chief Veterinary Officer.
- c. Milk and dairy products shall be accompanied by an official certificate certifying that the product has been pasteurized or processed from pasteurized milk, if this is not confirmed in the official certificate of origin and health (see sub-paragraph a), or that the product has received comparable treatment accepted by the Chief Veterinary Officer.
- d. Eggs and egg products shall be accompanied by an official certificate certifying that the product has been heated to 65°C for five minutes, if this is not confirmed in the official certificate of origin and health (see sub-paragraph a), or that the product has received comparable treatment accepted by the Chief Veterinary Officer.
- e. An official certificate certifying that the products have been processed in slaughterhouses/processing plants approved by the European Communities, Member States of the European Economic Area or authorities of the United States for export and/or sales within the respective associations of states.

Article 5

Raw foods

Imported foods which are listed under 0202, 0203, 0204, 0207, 0208, 0210 and 1602 in the Customs Tariff, cf. Appendix I to Customs Act No. 55/1987, and which have not received satisfactory heat treatment shall be accompanied by the following certificates:

- a. Official certificate of origin and health.
- b. Official certificate certifying that the source animals of the products have not been given growth-promoting substances during their breeding period.
- c. Official certificate certifying that the products have been stored at a temperature of at least -18° C for one month prior to customs clearance.
- d. Official certificate certifying that the source animals of the products were slaughtered in slaughterhouses and the products processed in processing plants authorized by the European Communities, Member States of the European Economic Area or

authorities of the United States for export and/or sales within the respective association of states.

- e. Official certificate certifying that the products are free of salmonella bacteria.
- f. Animal meat and by-products, dairy products and eggs shall conform to the appropriate provisions of current regulations on food contaminants.
- g. The product shall be labelled in conformity with the current Regulation on the Labelling, Advertising and Promotion of Foodstuffs.

Article 6

Pet food

Imports are permitted of pet food which has been treated in the following manner, as confirmed in a commercial document from the European Economic Area or a certificate accepted by the European Communities in the case of third-state imports:

- a. Chewing bones made out of hides or leather, provided that they have been heated sufficiently to kill contaminating organisms (including salmonella).
- b. Tinned feed, provided that it has been heated to a minimum Fc value of 3.0 in airtight packaging.
- c. Dairy products, provided that they have been pasteurized.
- d. Other pet food than the above, provided that it has been heated to a minimum core temperature of 90°C.

The Feed, Seed and Fertiliser Inspectorate is responsible for the control of the above certificates, which the importer shall submit together with other documents required pursuant to Feed Regulation No. 340/2001.

Chapter IV

General Provisions on Imports

Article 7

Import permits

The Minister of Agriculture, with the recommendation of the Chief Veterinary Officer, is authorized to permit the importation of the products listed in Article 3 hereof, cf. Article 10 of Act No. 25/1993, on Animal Diseases and Prevention of Animal Diseases, as amended, provided it is regarded as proven that they will not carry any contaminant capable of causing animal or human diseases and provided also that the conditions applicable to the importation have been met, subject to the provisions of Article 8 hereof.

When an application is submitted for the first time for permission to import a raw or unsterilised product in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the importer shall submit to the Ministry of Agriculture all necessary information on the product for consideration and approval before the product is transported from the country of export.

The importer of a raw product shall in all cases apply for a permit from the Minister of Agriculture and submit, for the consideration of the Chief Veterinary Officer, an import declaration, information on the country of origin and production, type of product, and manufacturer, in addition to the required certificates pursuant to Article 5.

An importer of heat-treated products shall in all cases submit, for the consideration of the Chief Veterinary Officer, an import declaration, certificate of origin and health, and a certificate as stipulated in sub-paragraph (e) of Article 4, in addition to other required certificates pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b), (c) or (d) of Article 4.

An importer of pet food shall, each time that importation takes place, submit to the Feed Seed and Fertiliser Inspectorate a confirmation pursuant to Article 6.

Article 8

Import of used agricultural machinery

An importer of used agricultural machinery and equipment, including horse trailers and other equipment which has been used in agriculture pursuant to Article 3(j) shall in all cases

apply for an import permit from the Minister of Agriculture, such permit to be procured before the merchandise in question is transported from the country of export.

The Minister of Agriculture may permit the import of equipment pursuant to Paragraph 1 above, with the recommendation of the Chief Veterinary Officer, provided it is regarded as proven that they will not carry any contaminants capable of causing animal diseases. An application for an import permit shall be accompanied, for the consideration of the Chief Veterinary Officer, by information on the country of origin and manufacture, type and identity of manufacturer, together with an official veterinary certificate that adequate cleaning and disinfection have been carried out in the country of export.

Article 9

Importer's responsibility

The importer of a product shall ensure that all necessary certificates accompany the product upon importation, and the importer is responsible for all costs that may be incurred in obtaining certificates as well as the costs of any disease control procedures needed to fulfil requirements for importation, including the taking of necessary samples and performing any tests regarded as necessary by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Article 10

International risk assessment

The recommendations of the Chief Veterinary Officer concerning disease control shall be based on risk assessment which, *inter alia*, shall take account of the OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) list concerning A and B diseases and other international standards and guidelines. The implementation of this Article shall be consistent with the provisions of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in Annex 1A of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Chapter V

Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 11

Travellers carrying foodstuffs

Travellers who arrive in Iceland with boiled food products where it is confirmed on the packaging that the product has been heat-treated, as required in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of Article 4, do not need to present specific certificates.

The Chief Veterinary Officer can issue a list of boiled or processed foods which demonstrably meet the requirements for imports owing to adequate heat treatment or comparable treatment but do not exhibit any indication of such treatment on the manufacturers' packaging. Such list shall be available for inspection on the premises of customs authorities and accessible on the website of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Article 12

Animal by-products arriving by ship and aircraft

The administrators of ships and aircraft that arrive in Iceland with food remains containing animal by-products shall ensure that all such remains are disposed of in special leak-proof trash containers and then destroyed according to instructions from the Chief Veterinary Officer. Animal by-products imported without proper authorization shall be incinerated or destroyed in an equivalent manner.

Article 13

Transit

The Minister of Agriculture is authorized to permit the transit of products listed in Article 3 hereof, provided that such products are re-exported. The conditions for such permission are that the product in question must be transported in securely sealed packaging where the

contents are specified, and the shipment must be accompanied by the required Certificate of Origin and Health, as specified in subparagraph (a) of Articles 4 and 5.

Article 14

Penalties

Any infringement of the provisions of this Regulation shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment for a term of up to two years. Infringements of this Act shall be subject to public prosecution.

Article 15

Entry into effect

This Regulation is established based on Act No. 25/1993 on Animal Diseases and their Prevention, as amended, the Act on Veterinarians and Health Services for Animals No. 66/1998, as amended, and the Act on the Production, Pricing and Sales of Farm Products No. 99/1993, as amended. Concurrently, the Regulation to prevent the introduction of animal diseases and contaminated products in Iceland No. 416/2002 is repealed. This regulation is effective immediately.

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