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IR2016-1.Health Requirements for Import Chilled Ovine Meat from Russia to I.R.IRAN
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Scope

This document serves to detail the requirements for import of Chilled Ovine meat from Russia to the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Veterinary Service of Russia shall be responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the import are fully met and collaborate with the representatives of the Iran Veterinary Organization (IVO) to verify that the requirements of this document have been regarded.

A. General Requirements:

1. Iran Veterinary Organization (IVO) is entitled to dispatch its own representative to carry out ante-mortem, during slaughter and post-mortem inspection, handling, storage and loading.
2. The meat has been derived from healthy male sheep not exceeding 18 months of age.
3. Animals are born and reared in the country of origin.
4. Animals shall be originated from registered farms/areas officially registered with the state veterinary services of the country of origin
5. Animals must come from ovine herds in which OIE notifiable disease not registered during 12 month ago.
6. Animals are not fattened on foodstuffs containing ruminant's derived proteins (MBM).
7. Animals shall not show any clinical sign of any contagious or infectious diseases at ante -mortem inspection prior to slaughtering.
8. Animals shall be derived from Zone/Area considered as free from FMD by OIE. (Resolution No.17, 83rd General session of world assembly, May 2015)
9. In the country/zone of origin, surveillance and monitoring system for OIE notifiable diseases shall be established.
10. Animals shall be slaughtered in approved slaughterhouse situated in FMD free zone /area and found to be healthy before and after slaughter.
11. The meat shall be produced under conditions comply with international standards.
12. Establishments which supply Ovine meat for export to the Islamic Republic of Iran shall be approved by IVO representative and shall be situated in the free zone.
13. Russia State Veterinarians shall monitor and observe meat inspection and production processes.
14. The sheep shall not be derived out of contaminated regions in terms of animal health.
15. Carcasses detained with any defects or organic changes cannot be exported to the I.R. of Iran.
16. In case of presence of any signs of Echinococcosis/Hydatidosis in any organ, the carcass shall be condemned.
17. Radionuclide test (should result in not more than 10 Bq/kg).
18. Animals which are intended to be slaughtered for IR Iran shall be male and less than 18 months of age
19. Animals shall get rest for at least 24 hours before slaughter.

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B. Specific Conditions:

Ovine Carcasses which is intended to be exported to IR Iran:

1. Shall be fit for human consumption.
2. Shall be free of contamination by excrement and blood clots, especially in the neck and intercostals muscles of the ribs.
3. Shall have normal odor.
4. Shows no evidence of pathologic changes due to bacteria, fungus and parasites
5. All visible lymphatic glands and nervous tissues shall be removed.
6. Not injured, bruised or physiologically icteric (yellow)
7. Are washed and cleaned completely with potable fresh water.
8. Derived from sheep which are not treated with hormonal growth promoters and are not fattened on food stuffs which contained ruminant proteins (MBM).
9. Shall be kept in the chilling room for 24 to 72 hours. The temperature of the chilling room must be kept between 0-4 °C
10. The temperature of deepest part of the most masculine part of carcass should not exceed than 7 °C before leaving chilling room.
11. PH of the meat shall be less than 6.2 before leaving chilling room.
12. The meat must not undergo any preserving process.
13. All carcasses shall be stamped by veterinarian.
14. Upon entry into Iranian border the consignment will be checked and the samples will be taken randomly from the containers for organoleptical and microbiological tests and the results shall comply with the IVO and OIE standards.
15. Chilling room humidity shall be 85 percent.
16. In terms of Clostridium Botulinum and considering risk assessment (risk entry and risk exposure) the meat is free from toxin of Clostridium Botulinum.

C. Packing:

1. Carcasses should be wrapped in vacuum packing before being transported to the chillers.
2. Carcasses should be labeled by a Farsi and English label indicating the following criteria :
 - Name of product.
 - Halal Sign
 - Type of use
 - Country of origin
 - Name and address of importing company
 - Production date (date of slaughtering and packaging)
 - Expiration date of ovine carcasses/half carcasses 72 hours and for vacuum meat in accordance of manufacturer requirements and declares which will have been approved by Russian Veterinary Services
 - Name of the slaughterhouse and sanitary code
 - Storage condition (kept at: 0-4°C)
 - Trace Code
 - Deboning and repacking is extremely prohibited in destination.


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Storage:

- The shelf life of ovine carcasses/half carcasses is 72 hours and for vacuum meat in accordance of manufacturer requirements and declares which will have been approved by Russian Veterinary Services

E. Transportation

The containers used to transport ovine meat shall be equipped with recording thermographs operating at least for 40 days upon start up.

F. Veterinary Certificate

The Russia veterinary officer will issue a Veterinary Health certificate, for each consignment in order to export to the Islamic Republic of Iran which has been produced compliance with this document.

D-Control at Borders:

- 1-At the borders, sampling will be done for controlling the compatibility of residues of drugs, heavy metals , anti-inflammatory drugs, (MRL) ... in the case of incompatibility with the national and international standards, importation will be stopped from the mentioned country.
- 2-All consignments shall go under biosecurity and biosafety control in accordance with this IHR.

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