ACCREDITATION OF NEW COUNTRIES FOR EXPORT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS TO SINGAPORE

**Important Notice:**
The information required by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), Republic of Singapore for the evaluation of new countries to export meat products to Singapore are set out below.

1) All information must be submitted in English and in soft copy. Complete information must be provided, as inadequate/incomplete submissions will result in delays in processing. Please feel free to include any additional information to support your application.

2) The completed information must be submitted with a covering letter from the Central Competent Authority (CCA) with its verification and endorsement before submission to SFA.

1. Name of Country

2. Location

Please provide a map(s) showing:

a. National borders
b. Internal administrative borders (regional and local)
c. Borders of any approved disease control areas (regionalisation)
d. Sites of:
   - Headquarters of Central Competent Authority (CA)
   - Regional or local offices of the CA
   - Central and regional official laboratories
   - Approved border inspection posts (airports, seaports, land crossings)

3. Livestock Industry

Species and types of meat products intended for export to Singapore (For example: Bone-in pork, boneless pork, heat-processed pork products, canned pork products, etc.)

For each species of meat intended for export to Singapore, provide an overview of the industry, including the latest information on:
a. Farm size distribution (number of commercial farms, backyard farms etc);
b. Livestock population census;
c. Animal feed control/husbandry (especially swill feeding);
d. Volume of meat produced in the country annually;
e. Quantity of exports of meat products to third countries (please also provide the specific type of meat products exported to third country);
f. Audit reports of official inspections from third countries.

4. Legislation

a. Copy of the legislation to control and prevent the introduction of animal and poultry diseases in the country (or excerpt in English if the legislation is not in English);
b. Copy of the legislation governing slaughterhouses, meat and egg processing establishments, meat inspection system, storage, handling and distribution of products.

5. Animal Health Situation

a. The animal/poultry disease situation and details of previous outbreaks (OIE listed diseases);
b. National programmes for surveillance, control, prevention and eradication of such diseases;
c. Zoning and compartmentalisation programmes (if any);
d. National contingency plans for diseases of concern;
e. Describe the vaccination programmes (if any) against such diseases;
f. Animal identification and traceability systems;
g. Animal movement controls.

6. Competent Authority (CA)

a. The set up and organisational structure of the veterinary services;
b. Financial resources available (including resource allocation for personnel, equipment, contingency plans, compensation policies etc);
c. Authority and capability to authorise the private sector (veterinarians and laboratories) to carry out official tasks on behalf of the Competent Authority;
d. Licensing authority and licensing system of approved export abattoirs, meat and egg processing establishments;
e. National standards for slaughterhouses and meat processing establishments (including information on ante and post mortem inspections);

f. Veterinary oversight in export establishments including frequency and nature of official controls; granting, monitoring and delisting of establishments; control over the use of official inspection stamps and health certificates;

g. Training and professional development programmes (including continuing education);

h. Powers and sanctions available in the event of non-compliance with national legislation;

i. Communication and coordination efforts with neighbouring countries (for movement and disease control);

j. Authority and capability of the Competent Authority to achieve and implement harmonisation of local standards with international standards;

k. Annual report of the Competent Authority, especially the laboratories (if available);

l. OIE-PVS evaluation report (if available).

7. National Control Programmes

a. National microbiological food safety controls;

b. National chemical and residue controls;

c. Import control of livestock and livestock products;

d. Control on the use and distribution of veterinary drugs (including growth promoters and antibiotics);

e. List of banned drugs/substances.

8. Laboratory Services

a. Number of official laboratories in the country both for animal health and food safety;

b. Testing capabilities of the laboratories (including residues, chemicals, pesticides, radionuclides, metals etc);

c. Details of any internal quality management systems;

d. Accreditation status (registration/audit) of the official laboratories;

e. Details of any ring tests organised and operated within the laboratory network and/or with laboratories in other countries or international reference laboratories through proficiency testing programmes.