

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
SHEEP AND GOATS (2/3)****I COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Australia, Canada, France, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand or USA

II PURPOSE

Slaughter for consumption.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) of Singapore.

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated not more than seven (7) days prior to export and signed or endorsed by the competent Veterinary Authority of the country of export giving detailed description of the consignment (age, breed, number of heads), address of the premises of origin of the animals, and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) **(in the case of goats)** the country of export is free from Peste des petits ruminants, Foot-and-Mouth disease, and Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia for the last 6 months prior to the date of export,
- (ii) **(in the case of sheep)** the country of export is free from Peste des petits ruminants and Foot-and-Mouth disease for the last 6 months prior to the date of export,
- (iii) the animals were derived from a district in which infectious and contagious animal disease are under control,
- (iv) the animals have been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease (including ectoparasites) at the time of export.
- (v) The sheep/goats are transported in new and clean containers, according to IATA requirements.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the master/captain of the ship/aircraft in which the animals were carried stating that:

- (i) the animals had been embarked or emplaned in one of the country of export specified above and had not called at any intermediate port after leaving the country of export.
- (ii) no ruminant or pigs were taken on board the ship/aircraft after it left the country of export.
- (iii) no animal feed or bedding material other than from the country of export was taken on board the ship/aircraft.

VI POST ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon arrival, the animals shall proceed directly to the approved holding premises stated in the Special Slaughter Permit (see Other Requirements) and be held and taken care of until slaughter at the premises. Measures must be taken during the transport and holding of the animals by the importer to prevent the escape of the animals at any time.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The importer or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through LicenceOne (<http://www.sfa.gov.sg/e-services>) at least 30 days prior to the date of arrival of the animals.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or agent must make an appointment for the inspection by submitting an online booking request via SFA's Intelligent Food Approval & Safety Tracking System (iFAST) at <https://ifast.sfa.gov.sg/eserviceweb/>. Please ensure your SFA Import licence no. & flight details are ready and fill in the required information on your application. Inspections without any prior appointment will be charged \$80.00/hour or part thereof during office hours.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the animals and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate and Captain's Declaration) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised SFA Officer. If the consignment of animals is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the animals shall be taken straight to the approved holding and slaughter premises.

X PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from SFA. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

XI FEES

- (i) Import Licence) see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2
- (ii) Special Slaughter Permit)

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) A valid Special Slaughter Permit from SFA is required for each consignment.
- (ii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iii) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence by SFA.

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