

## **Countries (Regions) Allowed for Import of Livestock Products and Import Sanitation Requirements (full amendment, draft)**

**Article 1 (Purpose)** The purpose of this Notice is to prescribe countries (regions) certified for import of livestock products, and import sanitation requirements for such imported livestock products in accordance with Article 11 and Article 13, respectively, of the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

**Article 2 (Definitions)** Terms used in this Notice shall have the following meanings:

1. "Livestock products" mean edible meat, packaged meat, processed edible meat products, raw milk, processed milk products, edible eggs, and processed egg products.
2. "Edible meat" means carcass meat, dressed meat, viscera and other parts. "Carcass meat" means the carcass from which the head, tail, foot, viscera and other parts are removed. "Dressed meat" means meat produced from carcass meat through removal of bones. "Viscera" includes liver, lung, heart, stomach, pancreas, spleen, kidney, small intestine, large intestine and other parts processed for human consumption. "Other parts" include head, tail, foot, skin, blood and others collected from the animal carcass and processed for human consumption.
3. "Raw milk" means cow milk and sheep milk (including goat milk) collected from animals.
4. "Edible egg" means eggs collected from domestic animals, such as hens, ducks or quails, for human consumption.
5. "Processed edible meat products" means products produced with edible meat, such as ham, sausage, bacon, dried stored meat products, seasoned meat products, ground meat products (including hamburger patties, meat balls and pork cutlets), rib products, meat extracted products, beef tallow, and pork tallow.
6. "Processed milk products" means products produced with raw milk and other ingredients, such as milk products, low-fat milk, milk powder, fermented milk, butter, natural cheese, processed cheese, non-fat milk, hydrolyzed lactose milk, processed milk, goat milk, buttermilk, concentrated milk, milk cream, whey, lactose, hydrolyzed milk protein products, infant formula, ice cream, ice cream powder type, and ice cream mix.
7. "Processed egg products" means products produced with edible eggs, such as liquid yolk, liquid white, whole egg powder, whole egg liquid, yolk powder, egg white powder, heat-formed egg products, salted egg and pidan.

8. "Exporting country" means a country certified to produce and export livestock products to the Korean market.
9. "Exported livestock products" means a livestock product produced in an establishment located in an exporting country and certified to be exported to the Korean market.
10. "Foreign establishment" means an establishment that is located in an exporting country where slaughter, milk collection, manufacture, processing, storage, and so forth are carried out to produce exported livestock products and that is registered with the Korean government in accordance with the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management.

**Article 3 (Livestock Products Certified for Import)** Livestock products certified for import into the Korean market are listed by countries (regions) in the annex.

**Article 4 (Requirements for Exported Livestock Products & Foreign Establishments)** An exporting country shall control exported livestock products and foreign establishments to assure the following requirements are satisfied:

1. For exported livestock products, slaughter, milk collection, manufacture, processing, packaging, distribution, handling, storage and sale shall be performed in compliance with regulatory requirements for sanitary control of livestock produced in the Republic of Korea and the relevant exporting country.
2. Exported livestock products shall be derived from healthy animals in the foreign establishment and they shall be found to be suitable for human consumption in sanitary examinations conducted by the exporting country's government.
3. For processed edible meat products and processed egg products, livestock products used as raw materials in the production of the relevant processed products shall be derived from a country certified to import into the Korean market.
4. Exported livestock products shall comply with standards and specifications prescribed in the Korean sanitary regulations.
5. Exported livestock products shall be free of residues (antimicrobial agents, agricultural chemicals, hormones, heavy metals and radioactive materials) and pathogenic microorganisms (*Salmonella*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli* and others) that cause public health risks and comply with standards and specifications related to food processing in the Republic of Korea.
6. Containers or packaging materials for exported livestock products shall comply with sanitary requirements in the exporting country and the Republic of Korea, and

they shall be made of materials that are clean and harmless to humans, and do not cause environmental pollution.

7. Exported livestock products shall be processed, packed, stored and controlled in a sanitary manner and transported and handled in a manner to prevent re-contamination until their arrival in the Republic of Korea.
8. Exported livestock products shall be suitably labeled to show the products name, manufacturer and date of manufacture (or sell-by date).
9. A foreign establishment shall be an establishment approved or registered and controlled by the exporting country's government in accordance with the exporting country's regulations, and also accepted by or registered with the Korean government through on-site inspection or other appropriate procedures.
10. The foreign establishment shall have a written food-safety control program, such as HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) and GMP, and maintain the relevant records, such as monitoring records generated under such program, for more than two years.
11. The foreign establishment's food safety control program shall have requirements and procedures for all operations, from receipt of raw materials to production and release, to assure production of sanitary and safe livestock products, specify actions to be taken when non-conformance is found, and maintain the relevant documents for more than two years.
12. The water used in the processing and treatment of exported livestock products in the foreign establishment shall be suitable for human consumption and shall comply with drinking water regulations in the Republic of Korea and exporting country.
13. The foreign establishment shall have a document which describes procedures and methods for recall and disposal (including destruction) of its livestock products and assure traceability of exported products from raw materials and production to final sale.

**Article 5 (Health Certificate)** An exporting country's government shall check livestock products for the following at the time of export and issue a Health Certificate written in English for the exported livestock products:

1. Compliance with requirements prescribed in Article 4;
2. Products name, packaging type, quantity of packages and weights;
3. Establishment registration number, name and address;
4. Production or processing date and sell-by date;
5. Container number;

6. Date of issue of Health Certificate, and information on the person who issues the certificate, such as agency, title, name and signature;
7. Other requirements mutually agreed upon by the exporting country's government and the Korean government, respectively, for the purpose of sanitary control of exported livestock products.

**Article 6 (Notification)** An exporting country's government shall notify the Korean government of the following information to and shall provide the necessary cooperation:

1. When an exported livestock products falls into any one of the following categories in the exporting country or other places, such fact shall be notified within 24 hours from the time and date of coming to know about it, via electronic document, fax, e-mail or other means.
  - A. If food-safety-related events, such as detection of residues or pathogenic microorganisms, occur or are suspected to occur or if there is any information on such events;
  - B. If an exported livestock products is recalled or its recall is planned because of the reason described in the above A or if there is any related information.
2. If there is any change in import sanitation requirements for slaughter, milk collection, manufacture, processing, packaging, distribution, handling, storage, sale and other requirements mutually agreed upon by the two countries for an exported livestock products, such change shall be notified and agreed to in advance (prior to export to the Korean market).
3. The Korean government may, on receipt of notifications in the above subparagraphs 1 or 2, dispatch sanitary inspectors to the exporting country to review the relevant documents and perform on-site inspection, as needed, and the exporting country's government and the foreign establishment's founder and/or operator shall actively provide cooperation.
4. The exporting country's government shall, on receipt of a request from the Korean government, provide electronic information on the health certificate previously issued to the Korean government.

**Article 7 (National Residue Program)** An exporting country shall establish and operate a program for control of residues in raw materials used in the manufacture or exported livestock products or in finished products (including the test organization, annual test plan, test method and test results) and shall provide the Korean government

with a document written in English that summarizes results in the previous year and plan for the relevant year by June of each year.

**Article 8 (Control of Foreign Establishments)** An exporting country's government shall develop a plan for inspection of foreign establishments registered with the Korean government and periodically perform inspections.

**Article 9 (On-site Inspection)** ① The exporting country's government and a foreign establishment's founder/operator shall respond to requests for on-site inspection in accordance with Article 11 of the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management and actively provide cooperation.

② In connection with on-site inspection of the above paragraph ①, the Korean government's sanitary inspector may demand a visit to the exporting country's government and interview with the relevant government employees, and require examination of sanitary procedures and production records in the foreign establishment, inspection of the establishment, interview with operators and review of documents relating to sanitary controls at the establishment.

③ If the provision of Article 4 is violated or if it is necessary to verify the notification made pursuant to Article 6, or if the Minister of Food and Drug Safety considers that it is necessary to conduct on-site inspection in order to assure the safety and sanitary condition of exported livestock products, on-site inspection may be performed.

**Article 10 (Control of Testing Organizations)** The exporting country's government shall perform periodic assessments of government or private organizations responsible for sanitary testing/inspection of exported livestock products, such as proficiency assessments and quality control system assessments.

**Article 11 (Import Suspension and Other Actions)** ① For any one of the following cases, the Korean government may require the exporting country's government to take corrective actions against the relevant exported livestock products or take action to suspend their importation.

1. If an exported livestock products is found not to comply with the provisions of Article 4 in the course of importation or distribution;
2. If it violates import sanitation requirements in the exporting country;
3. If the health certificate issued pursuant to Article 5 is found to have false information.

② In cases where the Korean government determines that corrective actions have to be

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taken and asks the exporting country's government to take corrective action, but the exporting country's government fails to fulfill such request for corrective actions, the Korean government may suspend the importation of livestock products from the relevant exporting country.

**Article 12 (Other Import sanitation requirements)** If import sanitation requirements are separately agreed to by and between the Korean government and the exporting country's government, such import sanitation requirements may be applied.

**Article 13 (Review Date)** The Minister of Food and Drug Safety shall review this Notice for appropriateness at the 3rd anniversary date after July 1, 2016 (meaning "by June 30 every three years") and take appropriate action, such as improvement.

### **Addenda**

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)** This Notice shall enter into force from the date of notice.

**Article 2 (Application)** This Notice shall apply to livestock products exported to the Korean market after enforcement of this Notice (based on shipping date).

[Annex]

**Livestock Products by Countries (or Regions) Certified for Import**  
**(relating to Article 3)**

Livestock products by countries (or regions) certified for import are listed in the following tables. To livestock products to which "A" and "B" do not apply, "C", "D" and "E" shall apply. To processed edible meat products manufactured with beef, goat/sheep meat or deer meat, "A" shall apply:

A. Edible meat and processed edible meat products (limited to the relevant animal species)

Country or Region	Products	Remarks
The Netherlands	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
New Zealand	Beef, pork, goat meat, lamb/mutton and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with beef, pork, goat meat and lamb/mutton)	
	Deer meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with venison)	
Denmark	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Germany	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Mexico	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
	Beef	
USA	Processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	Heat treatment
	Beef and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with beef)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to	

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	products manufactured with pork)	
Belgium	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Brazil	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
Sweden	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Switzerland	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Spain	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Slovakia	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Argentina	Cooked beef	Central internal portion's temp. 70°C for ≥ 1 minute
Uruguay	Cooked beef	Central internal portion's temp. 70°C for ≥ 1 minute
	Beef	
Ireland	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
UK	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Austria	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Italy	Processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	Central internal portion's temp. 69°C for ≥ 30 minutes
Japan	Processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	Heat treatment
China	Processed edible meat products (limited to products	Central internal

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	manufactured with poultry meat)	portion's temp. 70°C for ≥ 30 min 75°C for ≥ 5 min 80°C for ≥ 1 min
	Rabbit meat	
Chile	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
	Beef	
Canada	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Beef	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Thailand	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
Poland	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
France	Processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	Heat treatment
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Finland	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
The Philippines	Chicken	
Hungary	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Pork and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with pork)	
Australia	Poultry meat and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with poultry meat)	
	Beef, pork, goat meat, lamb/mutton and processed edible meat products (limited to products manufactured with beef, pork, goat meat and lamb/mutton)	
	Venison and processed edible meat products (limited to	

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	products manufactured with venison)	
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- \* Poultry meat means chicken, duck, goose, and quail or pheasant meat.
- \*\* Heat treatment means treatment at 60°C for 507 seconds, 65°C for 42 seconds, 70°C for 3.5 seconds or 73.9°C for 0.51 seconds, or other equivalent treatment.
- \*\*\* If an edible meat/processed edible meat products for which import sanitation requirements are established and applied in accordance with the Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases is subjected to import prohibition owing to the outbreak of a disease and if such import prohibition is removed within three years in accordance with the said Act, its import may be permitted in accordance with import sanitation requirements.

**B. Edible egg**

Country or Region	Products	Remarks
New Zealand, Denmark, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Australia, the Netherlands, Japan, Hungary, Canada, UK, Germany	Edible egg	

**C. Processed edible meat products**

Country or Region	Products	Remarks
The Netherlands	Bacon, ham	
New Zealand	Dried stored meat products, ground meat products, sausage, beef tallow, meat extracted products, seasoned meat products	
Denmark	Dried stored meat products, bacon, ground meat products, sausage, meat extracted products, ham	
Germany	Sausage	
Mexico	Meat extracted products	
Mongolia	Dried stored meat products, ground meat products, meat extracted products	
USA	Rib products, dried stored meat products, bacon, ground meat products, sausage, pork tallow, beef tallow, meat extracted products, seasoned meat products, ham	
Vietnam	Meat extracted products	

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Belgium	Ham	
Belarus	Meat extracted products, seasoned meat products	
North Korea	Meat extracted products	
Brazil	Ground meat products, meat extracted products, ham	
Sweden	Ground meat products, sausage, meat extracted products	
Spain	Dried stored meat products, bacon, ground meat products, sausage, seasoned meat products, ham	
Singapore	Ham	
Argentina	Dried stored meat products, ground meat products, sausage, meat extracted products	
UK	Ground meat products	
Uruguay	Meat extracted products, ham	
Italy	Bacon, ground meat products, sausage, ham	
India	Meat extracted products	
Indonesia	Meat extracted products, ham	
Japan	Meat extracted products, ham	
China	Rib products, dried stored meat products, bacon, ground meat products, sausage, seasoned meat products, ham	
Chile	Sausage, ham	
Canada	Dried stored meat products, bacon, ground meat products, sausage, seasoned meat products, ham	
Colombia	Meat extracted products	
Thailand	Ground meat products, meat extracted products, seasoned meat products, ham	
Paraguay	Meat extracted products	
Poland	Bacon, ground meat products, sausage, ham	
France	Ground meat products, sausage, meat extracted products, seasoned meat products, ham	
Finland	Sausage	
The Philippines	Ground meat products, sausage, seasoned meat products, ham	
Hungary	Bacon, sausage	
Australia	Rib products, dried stored meat products, bacon, ground meat products, sausage, beef tallow, meat extracted products, seasoned meat products, ham	

D. Processed milk products

Country or Region	Products	Remarks
Greece	Processed cheese, fermented milk, ice cream, natural cheese	
South Africa	Ice cream	
The Netherlands	Processed cheese, concentrated milk, butter, buttermilk, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, ice cream powder type, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
Norway	Processed cheese, milk powder, whey, natural cheese	
New Zealand	Processed cheese, butter, buttermilk, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream powder type, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
Taiwan	Processed milk, ice cream	
Denmark	Processed cheese, fermented milk, butter, milk powder, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
Germany	Processed milk, processed cheese, fermented milk, butter, buttermilk, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, ice cream powder type, milk, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, low-fat milk, infant formula	
Latvia	Whey	
Russia	Butter, milk powder, lactose, ice cream	
Luxembourg	Milk cream	
Lithuania	Processed cheese, butter, milk powder, ice cream, lactose, whey, natural cheese	
Malaysia	Processed milk, processed cheese, butter, milk powder, ice cream	
Mexico	Butter, ice cream, whey, natural cheese	
USA	Processed milk, processed cheese, concentrated milk, fermented milk, butter, buttermilk, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, ice cream powder type, milk, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, low-fat milk, infant formula	

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Bangladesh	Butter	
Belgium	Processed milk, processed cheese, butter, buttermilk, milk powder, ice cream, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, low-fat milk	
Bulgaria	Natural cheese	
Brazil	Processed cheese, ice cream, natural cheese	
Saudi Arabia	Processed cheese	
Cyprus	Milk cream, natural cheese	
Sweden	Milk powder, whey, natural cheese	
Switzerland	Processed milk, processed cheese, milk powder, ice cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
Spain	Processed milk, processed cheese, butter, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, whey, milk cream, natural cheese	
Slovakia	Milk cream	
Singapore	Processed milk, processed cheese, butter, milk powder, ice cream, whey	
UAE	Butter	
Aruba	Milk powder	* Netherlands
Argentina	Processed cheese, butter, milk powder, milk, whey, milk cream, natural cheese	
Ireland	Processed cheese, butter, milk powder, ice cream mix, hydrolyzed milk protein products, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
Estonia	Butter, milk powder, whey, natural cheese	
Ecuador	Natural cheese	
UK	Processed cheese, fermented milk, butter, milk powder, ice cream, milk, whey, milk cream, natural cheese	
Austria	Processed cheese, fermented milk, milk powder, lactose, whey, natural cheese, infant formula	
Uruguay	Butter, milk powder, milk, whey, milk cream, natural cheese	
Ukraine	Milk powder, lactose, whey, concentrated milk	
Israel	Lactose	
Italy	Processed milk, processed cheese, butter, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, ice cream powder type, milk, lactose, milk cream, natural cheese	

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India	Butter, milk powder, lactose, whey, natural cheese	
Japan	Processed milk, processed cheese, concentrated milk, butter, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, milk cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
China	Processed milk, butter, milk powder, ice cream, milk cream	
Czech Republic	Processed cheese, milk powder, whey	
Chile	Concentrated milk, milk powder, whey, natural cheese	
Kazakhstan	Natural cheese	
Canada	Processed cheese, fermented milk, butter, milk powder, ice cream, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, infant formula	
Croatia	Natural cheese	
Thailand	Ice cream	
Turkey	Ice cream, lactose, whey, natural cheese	
Pakistan	Butter, milk powder	
Portugal	Milk	
Poland	Processed cheese, fermented milk, butter, milk powder, ice cream, milk, whey, natural cheese	
France	Processed milk, processed cheese, fermented milk, butter, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream mix, ice cream powder type, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, low-fat milk, infant formula	
Finland	Processed cheese, milk powder, whey, natural cheese	
The Philippines	Processed milk, processed cheese, milk powder, ice cream, milk cream	
Hungary	Processed cheese	
Australia	Processed cheese, concentrated milk, fermented milk, butter, buttermilk, milk powder, ice cream, ice cream powder type, milk, hydrolyzed milk protein products, lactose, whey, milk cream, natural cheese, low-fat milk, infant formula	
Hong Kong	Ice cream	

\* Import of natural cheese manufactured with processed milk products and raw milk not sterilized is permitted, only when it is noticed in Annex 1 of "Livestock Products Processing Standards &

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### E. Processed egg products

Country or Region	Products	Remarks
The Netherlands	Egg white powder, liquid white, yolk powder, whole egg powder	
Taiwan	Pidan (preserved eggs)	
Denmark	Egg white powder, yolk powder, whole egg powder	
Germany	Egg white powder, liquid white, yolk powder	
Latvia	Liquid yolk	
Malaysia	Liquid white, liquid yolk, whole egg liquid	
Mexico	Liquid yolk	
USA	Egg white powder, yolk powder, liquid yolk, heat-formed egg products, whole egg powder	
Belgium	Egg white powder, liquid white, yolk powder	
Sweden	Egg white powder, yolk powder, whole egg powder	
Switzerland	Liquid yolk	
Spain	Egg white powder	
Ukraine	Egg white powder, yolk powder, whole egg powder	
Italy	Egg white powder, yolk powder, whole egg powder	
India	Egg white powder, yolk powder, whole egg powder, whole egg liquid	
Japan	Egg white powder, yolk powder, liquid yolk	
China	Egg white powder, yolk powder, liquid yolk, heat-formed egg products, salted egg, whole egg powder, whole egg liquid, pidan	
Canada	Egg white powder, yolk powder, liquid yolk, whole egg powder, whole egg liquid	
Thailand	Liquid yolk, pidan	
Peru	Egg white powder	
France	Egg white powder, liquid white, yolk powder, liquid yolk, whole egg powder	