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## Serbia

### Poultry and Products

### Requirements and Procedures for Poultry Meat Imports

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**Report Highlights:**

The Serbian Ministries of Agriculture and Health have published on their web pages the requirements and procedures for import of poultry meat and products into Serbia. The requirements include sanitary and veterinary regulations, standards, testing fees and sampling procedure applied for imports of U.S. poultry meat and products.

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**IMPORT PROCEDURES FOR U.S. POULTRY MEAT AND POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTS  
INTENDED FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA MARKET**

Imports of poultry meat and poultry meat products are under control of border inspection services:

1. Border Veterinary Inspection – Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Management / Veterinary Directorate, Belgrade

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2. Border Sanitary Inspection – Ministry of Health / Sanitary Surveillance and Public Health Sector, Belgrade

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**Fields of control**

- a) Animal Health
- b) Food Safety / Health Accuracy of foodstuffs
- c) Quality Control

**Procedure before import**

Before realization of import in to the Republic of Serbia, Importer of meat must have the valid Veterinary Approval issued by the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate, according the Law on Protection of Animals from Diseases Which Endanger Entire Country ("Official Journal" SFRJ 43/86, 53/91).

Every shipment of poultry meat must be accompanied by Veterinary Health Certificate FSIS Form No. 9060-5, Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9235-1, bilingual Certificate for Wholesomeness, agreed between USDA/FSIS and MAFWM/Veterinary Directorate, Belgrade.

**Procedure on the Border Inspection Point**

Border Veterinary Inspection Control:

Examination of documents, identity, conditions and sampling of goods by Border Veterinary Inspector on the Border Inspection Post. After the mentioned examination, Border Veterinary Inspection allows placing of shipment in the appropriate (registered) storage. Placing on the market or further processing of goods is not allowed until the completion of test results.

Border Sanitary Inspection Control:

Importer is obliged to put written request for examination of shipment to the Border Sanitary Inspector.

Request shall include attachments as follows:

- Accompanied Health Certificate (in case of U.S. poultry meat Veterinary Health Certificate FSIS Form No. 9060-5, Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9235-1, bilingual Certificate for Wholesomeness)
- Producer Specification – with information about raw materials.
- Copy of the valid Veterinary Approval issued by the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate, Belgrade.
- Label of Product (product declaration), authorized translation.

Control procedure includes examination of documents, hygienic conditions, goods, organoleptic test and sampling of goods for laboratory testing. Custom clearance of shipment and placing on the market or further processing of goods is not allowed until completion of test results.

#### Number of samples from one container

Sampling procedure of Border Veterinary Inspection is one sample from each container. If there are products from more than one establishment (slaughterhouse) in the same container, sampling procedure is one sample of meat or meat product from each.

Sampling procedure of Border Sanitary Inspection depends of quantity of goods and number of production lots according the Instruction for Sampling published (Official Gazette of SFRY No.60/78).

#### Tests on the imported poultry meat and poultry meat products and regulated levels

MICROBIOLOGY			Levels	
			min.	max.
1.	Salmonella species	No.col./25g	0	0
2.	Koagulaza pozitiv stafilokoke	No.col./0.01g	0	0
3.	Sulfitoreductive clostridije	No.col./0.1g	0	0
4.	Proteus species	No.col./0.001g	0	0
5.	E. coli	No.col./0.001g	0	0
<b>RESIDUES OF ANTIBIOTICS</b>				
6.	Penicillin	I.J./g	0.0000	0.0000

7.	Streptomycin	mg/kg	0.00	0.00
8.	Tetracyclin	mg/kg	0.00	0.00
9.	Oxytetracyclin	mg/kg	0.00	0.00
10.	Chlortetracyclin	mg/kg	0.00	0.00
11.	Erythromycin	mg/kg	0.000	0.000
12.	Neomycin	mg/kg	0.00	0.00
13.	Tylosin	mg/kg	0.00	0.00
	<b>RESIDUES OF SULFONAMIDES</b>			
14.	Sulfonamidi	mg/kg	0.00	0.10

	RESIDUES		Levels	
			min.	max.
1.	Chloramphenicol ELISA-Method	µg/kg	0.00	0.00
2.	? Agonisti ELISA-method	µg/kg	0.00	0.00

	PESTICIDES		Proportional value	
			min.	max.
1.	Lindan	mg/kg	0.000	0.100
2.	HCH (alfa i beta izomer)	mg/kg	0.000	0.100
3.	Aldrin i Dieldrin	mg/kg	0.000	0.200
4.	Heptahlor i Heptahlorepoxid	mg/kg	0.000	0.100
5.	DDT (DDE+ DDD+DDT)	mg/kg	0.000	0.100
6.	Endrin	mg/kg	0.000	0.050
7.	HCB	mg/kg	0.000	0.100
8.	Chlordan	mg/kg	0.000	0.050
	Polihlorovani bifenili (PCB ´S)			
9.	Polichlorovani bifenili (PCB ´s)	mg/kg	0.000	2.000
	<b>HEAVY METALS</b>			
10.	Lead – Pb	mg/kg	0.00	0.10
11.	Cadmium –Cd	mg/kg	0.00	0.05
12.	Mercury –Hg	mg/kg	0.000	0.030

	<b>Arsenic and other metals</b>			
13.	Arsenic –As	mg/kg	0.00	0.10
	<b>Nitromidazoli</b>			
14.	Dimetridazol (DMZ)	mg/kg	0.000	0.000
	<b>Other non-microbe substance</b>			
15.	Carbadox (CBX)	mg/kg	0.000	0.000
	Anabolics with hormonal Function			
16.	Diethylstilbestrol (DES)	mg/kg	0.000	0.000
	Nitrofurani			
17.	Furazolidon	mg/kg	0.000	0.000
18.	Nitrofurazon	mg/kg	0.000	0.000
19.	Nitrofurantoin	mg/kg	0.000	0.000

**Note: Salmonella test is conducted on samples from deep muscle tissues and not from the surface.**

Tests are regulated by the following Rule Books:

- Rule Book for Microbiological Accuracy of Foodstuffs on the Market (Official Journal FRY No. 26/93, 53/95 and 46/02)
- Rule Book for Quantities of Pesticides, Metals and Metalloids and Other Poison Substances, Chemotherapeutics, Anabolic and Other Substances, which can contain in Foodstuffs. (Official Journal FRY No. 05/92, 11/92 and 32/02)

### Cost of testing

Veterinary Border Inspection food safety and quality testing of one sample:

- Poultry meat products: 17,760 din (\$260)
- Poultry meat: 15,750 din (\$230)
- Radioactive contamination testing: 1,000 din (\$15)
- Quality control testing of one sample: 4,500 din (\$66)

Sanitary Border Inspection food safety testing of one sample:

- Poultry meat products: 15,000 din (\$220)
- Poultry meat: 11,020 din (\$162)

*Note: Exchange rate \$1 = DIN 68 (06/27/05)*

### **Duration of tests**

Veterinary Border Inspection food safety and quality testing:

- Average time for testing 5-7 days.

Sanitary Border Inspection food safety testing:

- Average time for testing 7-14 days.

### **List of laboratories for food safety and quality testing approved by Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Management**

1. "Institute for Meat Hygiene and Meat Technology "Belgrade
2. "Center for Examination of Foodstuffs", Belgrade
3. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Department for Food of Animal Origin, Belgrade
4. Faculty of Technology, Institute for Meat Technology, Novi Sad
6. City Institute for Health Protection, Belgrade
7. Institute for Health Protection, Vranje
8. Institute for Health Protection, Subotica
9. "Juginspect Belgrade", Belgrade
10. EKO-LAB, Novi Sad
11. Scientific Veterinary Institute of Serbia, Belgrade
12. Scientific Veterinary Institute, Novi Sad

### **List of laboratories for food safety testing approved by Ministry of Health**

1. Republic Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Belgrade
2. Institute of Public Health of Belgrade, Belgrade
3. Institute of Public Health, Subotica
4. Institute of Public Health, Novi Sad
5. Institute of Public Health, Nis
6. Institute of Public Health, Vranje
7. Institute of Public Health, Sabac
8. Institute of Public Health, Kraljevo
9. Institute of Public Health, Kragujevac
10. Institute of Public Health, Cacak
11. Institute of Public Health Pozarevac
12. Institute of Public Health Krusevac
13. Institute of Public Health Cuprija
14. Institute of Public Health Uzice
15. "Centre for Examination of Foodstuffs", Belgrade
16. Military Academy/ Institute for Preventive medicine Belgrade
17. Institute for Occupational medicine Clinical Center of Belgrade

18. Pharmaceutical institute of Belgrade
19. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine/ Department for Food of Animal Origin, Belgrade
20. Institute for Meat Hygiene and Meat Technology "Belgrade

### List of relevant regulations for Animal Health and Food safety

- Law on Protection of Animals from Diseases Which Endanger Entire Country (Official Journal SFRY No. 43/86, 53/91)
- Law on Health Accuracy of Foodstuff and Items of General Use (Official Journal of SFRY No 53/ 91)
- Rule Book for Microbiological Accuracy of Foodstuffs on the Market (Official Journal FRY No. 26/93, 53/95 and 46/02)
- Rule Book for Quantities of Pesticides, Metals and Metalloids and Other Poison Substances, Chemotherapeutics, Anabolic and Other Substances, which can contain in Foodstuffs. (Official Journal FRY No. 05/92,11/92 and 32/02)
- Rule Book for Borders of Radioactive Contamination of Environment and Way of Managing of Decontamination (Official Journal FRY No. 09/99)
- Rule Book for Quality and conditions for use of additives in foodstuffs and about other requirements for additives and their mixtures (Official Journal SCG No. 36/2003,5/2004,16/2005)

### Regulation of Quality Control

- Law on Standardization (Official Journal SFRY No.30/96,59/98,70/2001 and 8/2003)

#### *For Poultry Meat:*

- Rulebook for Quality of Poultry Meat (Official Journal SFRY 1/81, 51/88).
- Rule Book for Declaration and Labeling of Packed Food (Official Journal SCG 33/04)

#### *For Poultry Meat Products:*

- Rule Book for Quality and Other Requirements for Meat Products (Official Journal SCG 33/2004) in force since Jan.01, 2005.
- Rule Book for Quality and Other Requirements for Additional Resources in Production of Foodstuffs (Official Journal FRY No 62/2002)
- Rule Book for Quality and Other Requirements for Aromas for Foodstuffs Products (Official Journal FRY No 52/2001)
- Rule Book for Declaration and Labeling of Packed Food (Official Journal SCG 33/04)
- Rule Book for Quality and conditions for use of additives in foodstuffs and about other requirements for additives and their mixtures (Official Journal SCG No. 36/2003,5/2004,16/2005)
- Rule Book for Quality of protein products and mixtures of protein products for foodstuffs industry (Official Journal SFRY No 41/85)
- Rule Book for Quality Starch and Products Starch for Food Purposes (Official Journal SFRY No 33/95)