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Report Highlights:

Singapore has strict regulations on the imports of meats, poultry and shellfish. Other foods that undergo routine checks include fresh produce, nuts, mineral and drinking water, shellfish and fish, dairy products and other food products with a short shelf life.

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SECTION I: GENERAL GUIDELINES

Introduction

Singapore is a small island nation of 4.2 million people with practically no commercial agricultural production. It relies almost entirely on the imports of food from a wide range of countries from all over the world. Export health certification, routine inspections and the strict enforcement of the Singapore food regulations at the retail level help ensure that all foods in the country are safe for human consumption.

Products on arrival that require export health certification or laboratory analysis certification:

(1) All meat and poultry products.

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore, Ministry of National Development is entrusted with the task of approving meat and poultry establishments allowed to export products to Singapore. While other countries need to apply for specific plant-by-plant approval, the United States is the only country exempted by Singapore from this requirement. Every consignment of meat and poultry is physically examined for wholesomeness and freedom from disease and spoilage. Samples of meats and poultry are routinely taken for microbiological tests.

See the FSIS Export Library for certification requirements:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://OFO/export/singapor.htm>

There is currently a ban on the import of U.S. beef that was imposed in December 2003 after the detection of BSE in a cow of Canadian origin.

(2) Shellfish

Stringent control is directed towards selected high-risk shellfish products such as oysters, clams, mussels, scallops and cooked crab meat. High-risk shellfish products may only be imported from sources with acceptable shellfish sanitation programs. Each shipment must be accompanied by an export health certificate certifying that the products were harvested in approved waters, that they were not treated with chemical preservatives or other additives injurious to human health. The authorities of the exporting country must also state in the export certificate that the shellfish is safe for human consumption. In addition, on arrival, each shipment is automatically detained for physical inspection and a sample is taken for laboratory analysis.

(3a) Natural Mineral Water and Spring Water

Before a new product is allowed entry into Singapore, the importer should obtain from the regulatory authorities of the exporting country an Authentication Certificate with the details of the name and address and country of origin of the manufacturer, the source of the natural mineral water and a copy of the map to show the location of the source of the mineral water or spring water.

An export health certificate must accompany each shipment providing details of brand name, type of water, packing type/size, batch number/expiry date and name & address of manufacturer and the Singapore importer. The export health certificate must include details of microbiological analysis and chemical analysis results.

(3b) Other Packaged Drinking Water

For other packaged drinking water, a statement from the regulatory authorities of the exporting country to confirm the product is produced by an approved manufacturer including the name and address of the manufacturer. Like the mineral and spring water, the accompanying export health certificate should also have microbiological and chemical analysis details.

(4) Imports of Soy Sauce and Oyster Sauce

Soy sauces, oyster sauces and sauces containing soy or oyster sauce as an ingredient, must not be detected with more than 0.02 ppm of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD). Importers are to submit analysis reports to AVA prior to importation.

(5) Brandy and Whisky

Certificate of Age confirming that the brandy and whisky have been aged in the woods or not less than three years.

Enforcement of Singapore food regulations is carried out by inspectors visiting warehouses of importers, food retail outlets, restaurants and food caterers to ensure that products are safe for public consumption. Essentially it means that products must conform to regulations on bacteriological levels, pesticide residues, expiry dates and allowable ingredients.

Products that do not require export health or phytosanitary certification but undergo routine intensive checks on arrival include the following:

(1) Fruits and vegetables. All fruits and vegetables are tested for pesticide residues. No phytosanitary certificates are required for the imports of fresh fruit and vegetables from the U.S. Information regarding the exporter/packer, address and country of origin must be provided on the external cartons (or written on the tags for products packed in wicker baskets or sacks). All fruits and vegetables are either to be tagged or labeled or printed on the external cartons

(2) Ready to eat foods. These foods are mostly locally prepared foods or very perishable foods from neighboring countries. Samples are taken away for microbiological tests and chemical tests.

(3) Fin fish. Fish is monitored and tested for various chemical preservatives such as formaldehyde, benzoic acid, boric acid, heavy metals, antibiotic residues and parasites.

(4) Infant Formula. Infant formula is subjected to both microbiological tests.

(5) Minimally processed peeled fruits & Vegetables. Microbiological and chemical tests are carried out on peeled and cut fruits and vegetables.

(6) Bean Curd sheets, dried bean curd skins, bean curd sticks and slices and soy protein. Bean curd sheets and skins and soy protein are checked for boric acid and sulphur dioxide.

(7) Nuts. Nuts are tested for aflatoxins.

(8) Infant cereals. Infant cereals are tested for aflatoxins.

Samples of the food products are taken away for microbiological tests and/ or pesticide residue tests. Importers may either submit laboratory results of microbiological tests and/or pesticide residue tests from the country of origin or from approved laboratories in Singapore. However AVA will continue to undertake their own independent tests on a routine basis regardless of whether the shipments are accompanied by microbiological test certificates.

For Singapore's Microbiological and Chemical Standards, please refer to the web portal, <http://www.ava.gov.sg/javascript/module2/m2-option5-content.htm>

**SECTION II. LIST OF ALL EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT;
PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATES**

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requested by
Poultry	FSIS forms 9060-5 & 9435-1	Slaughter/Production Dates	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Pork	FSIS forms 9060-5 & 9435-1	Slaughter/ Production Date	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Beef(U.S. Beef currently banned)	FSIS forms 9060-5 & 9435-1	To be determined once new protocol established	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Oysters, clams, cockles, mussels, crab meat & similar shellfish types	Any State Export Health Certificate	Description of product and packaging, quantity by weight and name & address of processing establishment. Shellfish were harvested in approved waters. The shellfish meat has not been treated with harmful chemical preservatives or additives. Product is fit for human consumption.	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Soups and food products eg pasta sauces containing less than 5% meat or poultry ingredients	Any State Export Health Certificate	Description of product and packaging, quantity by weight and name & address of processing establishment. Product is fit for human consumption	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Natural Mineral Water & Spring Water	Authentication Cert. Map of site location Export health cert including microbiological analysis & chemical analysis results	Microbiological tests and chemical tests to confirm that microbe level and chemical residue level not to exceed those laid down in the Food Regulations Act	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Packaged drinking water	Export health cert including microbiological analysis & chemical analysis results	Microbiological tests and chemical tests to confirm that microbe level and chemical residue level not to exceed those laid down in Food Regulations Act	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Soy Sauce	Analysis report	Analysis report that ingredients contain no more than 0.02 ppm of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD).	Food Safety	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore
Brandy & Whisky	Certificate of Age	Confirm that the brandy or whisky have been aged in the woods for not less than three years	Consumer protection	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore

SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATIONS REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Please check the Singapore government website, <http://www.ava.gov.sg/javascript/module2/m2-option5-content.htm> for further information of MRLs.

Please check the FSIS website, <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://OFO/export/singapor.htm> for further details on the information required to be in the individual export health certificate.

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTSPoultry and Red Meats.

An export health certificate from FSIS is required to accompany all shipments of poultry and red meats.

Shellfish.

As shellfish products are considered as high-risk products, an export health certificate from the relevant state health authority is required to accompany shipments of shellfish.

Other Food Products.

Natural mineral water, packaged drinking water, canned soups, food products containing small amounts (less than 5%) of meat & poultry ingredients and pet foods require accompanying state export health certificates. In addition, export health certificates for pet foods must indicate that there are no beef ingredients for shipments originating from countries, which are not declared free from BSE.

SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

For further details on food requirements in the Singapore market, please check FAS/Singapore attaché reports titled Food and Agricultural Import Regulations & Standards, Exporter Guide and Retail Report at the following web portal, http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/AttacheRep/attache_lout.asp

Appendix 1-Sample Export Health Certificates

A) Export Health Certificates-Meat & Poultry (FSIS Forms 9060 & 9435)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
 MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION
**MEAT AND POULTRY EXPORT CERTIFICATE
 OF WHOLESOMENESS**

DATE ISSUED: 05/18/2004
 PROJECT EXPORT PROGRAM: MPC - 34457

ISSUED BY: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

EXPORTED BY: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Originator's Name:
 1845 Eastman Boulevard, Suite 100
 Oakdale, CA 95360

Company Name:
 Q. S. Foods Trading PTE Ltd.
 8 Galle Road, Singapore
 Jurong, Singapore 418403

DATE OF EXPORT: 05/18/2004

QUANTITY: 14,416 LBS

NET WEIGHT: 1349 LBS

PRODUCT AS LABELLED	MARKED WEIGHT	NET WEIGHT	SPANNING FACTOR	INSPECTION CODE
342883 BALLS OF FINE CUTSITS 100	2000 LBS	2000 CS	NONE	P21
045096 HOT SPICY 1/2 WING	1000 LBS	1000 CS	NONE	P21
051763 WING CHINA JAPANESE 100	750 LBS	50 CS	NONE	P21
070626 GR. CHICKEN 100	2000 LBS	2000 CS	NONE	P10133
052401 RY BENT BROU PARY 100	3750 LBS	3750 CS	NONE	P21
045096 HOT SPICY 1/2 WING	600 LBS	50 CS	NONE	P21
045148 WING CHINA JAPANESE	776 LBS	381 CS	NONE	P21

Additional Form 9435-1. Product frozen under USDA supervision. USDA Case number 269207.

The poultry products cooked to the following internal or core temperatures: 70 degrees for a minimum of 30 minutes.
 The poultry meat was not derived from poultry from the states of Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania during the period from 10 February 2004 to 8 June 2004.
 The poultry meat was derived from poultry which did not originate from the state of Texas.

I CERTIFY that the meat or meat food product specified hereon is from animals that received both ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and were found sound and healthy and that it has been inspected and passed as provided by law and regulations of the Department and is sound and wholesome.

I CERTIFY that the poultry and poultry products specified hereon came from birds that were officially examined ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY AN INSPECTOR OF MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION SERVICE

Special Agent in Charge of Inspection: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge of Inspection: [Signature]

SE: Gordon Pursam
 Public Health Veterinarian 69-035

This certificate is not valid unless it is issued in the United States in accordance with the truth and integrity therein contained.
 This certificate does not extend further to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

FSIS FORM 9060 (7-93) PRODUCT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND POULTRY INTO SINGAPORE		MPC 544574
DESCRIPTION OF MEAT AND POULTRY		
Kind of Meat/Poultry	None	
NET WEIGHT OF MEAT AND POULTRY		
NET WEIGHT OF MEAT AND POULTRY	500 lbs	50 cs
NET WEIGHT OF MEAT AND POULTRY	7315 lbs	481 cs
TOTAL NET WEIGHT	16,615 lbs	1381 cs
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER		NAME AND ADDRESS OF IMPORTER
Pilgrim's Pride 1965 Evergreen Boulevard, Suite 100 Dalton, GA 30096		QB Food Trading PTE Ltd. 8 Chai Bee Crescent Jurong, Singapore 619893 Singapore
DATE OF EXPORT		DATE OF IMPORT
05/02/05, 03/08/05		
THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT:		
a. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest for 6 years in immediately previous date of export.		
b. The products are fit for human consumption and every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination prior to export.		
c. The United States has been free of swine vesicular disease and hog cholera during the last 6 months. (This requirement applies only to pork and pork products.)		
d. The pork was treated to destroy trichinae by one of the methods described in Section 316.10 of USDA Regulations. (This requirement applies to pork meat and pork sausage, but shall be deleted for pork byproducts instead of other species.)		
e. The poultry and/or poultry products are free from avian influenza (low) and New Castle disease. (This requirement applies only to poultry and poultry products.)		
f. The canned products have been manufactured and inspected in accordance with Section 318.91 of USDA Regulations. (This requirement applies only to canned products.)		
		
OFFICIAL SEAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WASHINGTON, D.C.		DATE OF EXPORT York, PA 05/18/2005
SIGNATURE OF EXPORTER M. Gordon Patten, Public Health Veterinarian, 60-05		
FOR FORM 747 (1-83) AFFILIATED FORM 747-1 (1-83), WHICH IS OBSOLETE		

B) Export Health Certificate for Shellfish

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DSV VENDEE N° 65/905

ORIGINAL

REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE
MINISTRE DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DE LA PÊCHE
SERVICE VÉTÉRINAIRE D'HYGIÈNE ALIMENTAIRE

CERTIFICAT DE SALUBRITÉ RELATIF AUX PRODUITS DE LA MER, QU'ILS SOIENT DESTINÉS À L'ALIMENTATION DE FRANÇAIS OU À LA CONSOMMATION HUMAINE ET PRÉSENTÉS À DES FINS COMMERCIALES.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE CONCERNING SEA OR FRESH WATER PRODUCTS DESTINED TO BE EXPORTED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND PRESENTED EITHER LIVE, FRESH, REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN.

1. IDENTIFICATION
- Pays d'origine : France
- Ministère compétent : Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche
- Service : Service vétérinaire

2. IDENTIFICATION DES PRODUITS / IDENTIFICATION OF THE GOODS
- Texte en français :
- Texte en anglais :
- Mode de conditionnement / emballage :
- Nature des emballages / conditionnement :
- Date de conditionnement / emballage :
- Date de prise de date / emballage :
- Nombre de colis / nombre of units :
- Poids net / net weight :

3. DÉSIGNATION DES DESTINÉS / DESIGNATION OF THE GOODS
- Nom / désignation des produits :
- Mode de transport (air, mer, terre, etc.) :
- Mode de transport (air, mer, terre, etc.) :

4. ANNOTATIONS COMPLÉMENTAIRES / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Je soussigné / I, the undersigned :
Docteur Christian MOURRIERAS
Vétérinaire officiel / official veterinary officer
Certifie que les produits désignés ci-dessus / Certify that the goods specified above are fit for human consumption.
The goods listed above have been found to comply with the requirements of the European Union for the export of fresh and frozen shellfish.
No other treatment is required for the products to be fit for export to the United Kingdom and other countries.
Les produits n'ont pas été traités avec des désinfectants ni avec des produits chimiques.
The goods have not been treated with disinfectants or chemical products.
Les produits n'ont pas été traités avec des désinfectants ni avec des produits chimiques.

Signature :
Date : 21 AVR 2014
Signature :
Circular stamp: REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE, SERVICE VÉTÉRINAIRE, 65

C). State Export Health Certificate

INVOICE (REG) #41219

SINGAPORE

CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTATION OF CANNED INTO
SINGAPORE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. PARTICULARS OF REGISTERED CANNERY

NAME AND ADDRESS: LICENSE NO.
EXPIRATION:

2. PARTICULARS OF GOODS TO WHICH THE DECLARATION BELOW RELATES

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	SHIPPING MARKS	GROSS WT. (KG)	NET WT. (KG)
Handley brand beans		10,000	9,500
Golden Brand	SINGAPORE		
Ships: <u>SEA STAR</u>	VESSEL: <u>GOCLINX LOVESYAR</u>	Port of Destination:	
	<u>SALES</u>		
	<u>SHOPS</u>	SINGAPORE	
NAME OF CONSIGNEE:			
<u>Continental</u>			

3. DECLARATION BY THE MANAGER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED REGISTERED CANNERY

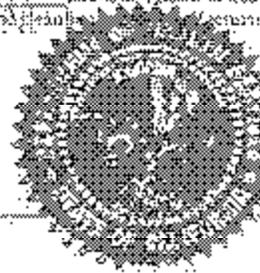
I, Michael J. O'Brien, Manager of the above named registered cannery, do hereby certify:

- That the product contained herein does not contain any adulterants.
- That the product has been prepared from sound and wholesome meat.
- That the product has been subjected to heat treatment at 121°C for 30 minutes.
- That in the course of manufacture, every portion of the contents of the can has been heated to a minimum of not less than 100°C.

[Signature]
Michael J. O'Brien

4. CERTIFICATE BY BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUG HEALTH OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

After due inquiry, Franklin J. Smith, Department of Health Services, Food and Drug Branch and employed by the Government of State of California, hereby certifies to the truth of the above declaration. I hereby certify that Franklin J. Smith is a duly qualified and duly sworn practicing officer of the manufacturing plant.

DATE: FEB 2002 STAMP OF STATE CRESY: 

E). Export Health Certificate for Bottled Drinking Water

Letter Head of Authority of Country of Origin **SANDLE**

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

SUBJECT: Bottled Drinking Water (Drinking Water, R.O. Water, Mineralized Water, Distilled Water and Purified Water, etc)

To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify that the following consignment of bottled water with brand name _____ is produced by _____ (company name)

Type of bottled water _____
 Batch number/ Expiry date _____
 Consignee's address _____

This batch shipment complies with the WHO guidelines for drinking-water quality and also complies with the following microbiological test results:

Total Colony Count, cfu per ml (37 °C for 48 hrs)	:	:
Coliform Count, cfu per 100ml	:	:
E. coli	:	:
Parasitology sub-report	:	:
Fungal sub-report	:	:
Fecal coliforms	:	:
Spectrometrically reducing substances	:	:

And having the following chemical test results:

Arsenic	:	Mercury	:
Calcium	:	Cadmium	:
Chloride	:	Lead	:
Mercury	:	Nickel	:
Boron	:	Silver	:
Fluoride	:	Cyanide	:
Nitrate	:	Copper	:
Thalassothraus	:	Nitrite	:
Brevibacterium	:		:
Dibromobisphenol-A	:		:
Dibromodiphenyl ether	:		:
Thioether	:		:

Is declared suitable and safe for human consumption.

Date of issue: _____ Signature: _____
 Designation: _____
 Official Stamp: _____

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