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New Procedures For Imported Meat Raw Materials 2006

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Report Highlights:

The Russian Ministry of Agriculture issued Order #207 on December 12, 2005 that requires imported shipments of meat raw materials being moved from one province in Russia to another to require additional veterinary documentation. This Order approves the procedures of veterinary supervision over readdressing imported raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purposes of feeding pets. The original Russian text can be downloaded at <http://mcx.consultant.ru/doc.asp?ID=3033>

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Summary

On January 19, 2006, Minister of Agriculture Aleksey Gordeyev signed Order #207 that approves the procedures for veterinary supervision of readdressing imported meat raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purpose of feeding pets. This Order regulates the activities of the Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service (VPSS) and its regional departments in carrying out control and oversight of all authorized activities aimed at ensuring compliance with veterinary/sanitary norms and rules when transporting these shipments. Permits for readdressing are not required when the shipment is relocated within the same province of the Russian importer.

Unofficial translation of the Order

BEGIN TRANSLATION:

19/01/2006 The Order of December 12, 2005, #207 «On approving the procedure of organizing veterinary supervision over readdressing imported meat raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purpose of feeding pets».

To ensure control over readdressing imported meat raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purposes of feeding pets, I order:

1. To approve the procedure of organizing veterinary supervision over readdressing imported meat raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purposes of feeding pets. (Attached).
2. To entrust Deputy Minister S.G. Mitin with exercising control over fulfillment of this Order.

Minister A.V. Gordeyev

Attachment to the Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of December 12, 2005, #207.

The procedure of organizing veterinary supervision over readdressing imported meat raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purposes of feeding pets.

I. General provisions.

The procedure of organizing veterinary supervision over readdressing imported meat raw materials intended for industrial processing and/or for the purpose of feeding pets (hereinafter referred to as - shipment). This Order will regulate the activity of the Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service (VPSS) and its regional departments (hereinafter referred to as - regional VPSS departments) on carrying out control and oversight of all authorized activities aimed at ensuring compliance with veterinary/sanitary norms and rules when transporting the shipment.

1. Readdressing the shipment is carried out with respect to the economic entity (hereinafter referred to as - addressee) that was subject to inspection to verify its compliance with the current veterinary/sanitary rules on using and processing imported meat and meat products (hereinafter referred to as – inspection).

2. Inspection shall be performed upon the receipt of the request from the addressee submitted to the head of the regional VPSS department, who oversees the area where the shipment will be brought.

To conduct the inspection, a commission shall be established based upon the decision of the head of the regional VPSS department, who oversees the area where the shipment is planned to be brought in, along with VPSS specialists of the subject of the Russian Federation being included as part of the commission.

Upon conclusion of the addressee's inspection, an Act shall be developed, which must be approved by the head of the appropriate regional VPSS department.

A copy of the above-mentioned Act shall be immediately sent to the VPSS.

3. The VPSS shall conduct a summary assessment of the inspection results, indicated in the Act, and shall take a decision on including the addressee in the list of economic entities of the Russian Federation which possess the necessary conditions for storing and/or processing the shipment (hereinafter referred to as – the List), develop and maintain the above-mentioned List.

Maintaining the List shall be carried out on paper and electronic carriers.

II. Readdressing the shipment between the subjects of the Russian Federation.

4. Readdressing the shipment shall be carried out upon coordination with the regional VPSS department, which oversees the area where the shipment will be brought in, and is processed in accordance with the established order by issuing a permit (hereinafter referred to as - permit). The permit confirms the substitution of the economic entity, which was allowed to bring the shipment into the territory of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as – the primary addressee).

5. To receive a permit, the owner of the shipment (hereinafter referred to as – applicant) shall send to the Chief Federal Veterinary Inspector, in whose region the shipment is planned to be brought in, a written application containing the following information: the characteristics of the shipment (kind of shipment, quantity, usage, country of origin, import tariff nomenclature number (HS code)), location of the primary destination of the shipment (subject of the Russian Federation, name of the primary addressee accompanied by its Taxpayer Identification Number); location of receiving the shipment by the addressee (subject of the Russian Federation, name of the addressee accompanied by its Taxpayer Identification Number); the permit number for bringing the product into the Russian Federation, information about the importer (hereinafter referred to as - application).

6. The VPSS, in whose region the shipment is planned to be brought in, shall review the application within the period of time not exceeding 5 days upon receipt of the application and determine the possibility of bringing the shipment into the appropriate territory of the subject of the Russian Federation, receiving it and processing the shipment by the addressee. If the decision is positive, the Chief Federal Veterinary Inspector of the subject

of the Russian Federation shall develop a request to the regional department of VPSS in which region the shipment will be brought in containing the following information: the characteristics of the shipment (kind of shipment, quantity, usage, country of origin, import tariff nomenclature number (HS code)), location of the primary destination of the shipment (subject of the Russian Federation, name of the primary addressee accompanied by its Taxpayer Identification Number); location of receiving the shipment by the addressee (subject of the Russian Federation, name of the addressee accompanied by its Taxpayer Identification Number); the permit number for bringing the product into the Russian Federation, information about the importer (hereinafter referred to as - request).

7. The original request which was developed shall be given to the applicant who shall submit it to the regional VPSS department in which region the shipment is planned to be brought in. The above-mentioned request shall be registered by the regional VPSS department on the day it is received.

8. The head of the regional VPSS department in which region the shipment is planned to be brought, or the official from the regional VPSS department who receives authorization from the Chief in accordance with the established order, shall take a decision on issuing or refusing to issue permission within a period of time not exceeding 10 days upon receiving the request. If the decision is positive, the applicant shall be granted a written permit (in the free format) indicating the data in accordance with p.6 of this procedure and the period of the permit's validity.

9. The applicant shall present the permit to the regional department of VPSS on whose territory the shipment will be brought in to the primary addressee.

The permit registration shall be performed in the regional VPSS department in whose region the shipment will be brought in to the primary addressee, during the period of time not exceeding 3 working days from when the applicant submitted the permit. The registration number and the date of the registration shall be indicated on the permit. The official who is authorized to do so in accordance with the established order shall sign the permit and it shall be stamped with a seal. A copy shall be taken from the registered permit accompanied by the written notation "copy is authentic" and a signature of the authorized official of the regional VPSS department in whose region the shipment is permitted to enter to the primary addressee, and by a seal. The copy of the permit shall be kept in the above-mentioned regional VPSS department in accordance with the approved file nomenclature. Upon registration, the original of the permit shall be returned to the applicant.

10. The original of the permit with the marks of the regional VPSS department regarding registration shall be submitted by the owner of the shipment to the head of the regional VPSS department of the subject of the Russian Federation located at the place the product is kept under supervision. The above-mentioned veterinary service shall carry out its registration, documentary verification of its receipt, de facto presence of the product under supervision and developing veterinary certificate form N 4 <*> indicating the route to the nearest unit of the regional VPSS department. The veterinary certificate form N 4 shall be signed by a VPSS specialist of the region who is authorized to do so in accordance with the established order and stamped with a seal in accordance with the instructions. Upon registration, the permit original will be left with the owner of the shipment.

<*> Instruction on issuing veterinary accompanying documents for the consignments under supervision of the VPSS, approved by the Ministry of Agriculture on April 12, 1997. N 13-7-2/871 (registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation on May 22, 1997, registration N 1310).

11. Upon presentation of the veterinary certificate form N 4, specialists from the unit of the regional VPSS department in the location where the shipment is kept shall issue to the owner of the shipment the veterinary certificate attested with a seal of the established format specifying in the column "Special Markings" the number and the date of the permission of the regional VPSS department in which region the shipment is being brought.

12. Receiving the shipment by the addressee will be carried out only if there is an indication (mark) on the veterinary certificate regarding the readdressing registration, which is made by the regional VPSS department.

13. The regional VPSS departments will exercise control over readdressing the shipments between the subjects of the Russian Federation and document accounting of the shipments.

III. Final Provisions.

14. The permit for readdressing the shipment shall not required when the shipment is relocated within the territory of a subject of the Russian Federation. The above-mentioned relocation shall be carried out in accordance with the Instruction on issuing veterinary documents accompanying consignments under supervision of the VPSS approved by the Ministry of Agriculture on April 12, 1997. N 13-7-2/871.

15. If violation of the veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation is revealed in the process of readdressing shipments, the head of the regional VPSS department in whose region the fact of violation was established, shall take a decision on the subsequent utilization of such a shipment in cooperation with the authorized officials of the VPSS of the subjects of the Russian Federation.

END TRANSLATION

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