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Report Highlights:

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Unofficial translation of AQSIO Notification #2005-299**I. Regarding the primary inspection of meat products imported by transshipment**

Primary inspection work shall be handled according to the following requirements for meat products imported by transshipment in Hong Kong where the consignee is a Hong Kong company with an official veterinarian hygiene certificate issued by the export country, but whose actual consignee is from a mainland company.

1. When the owner or agent of the goods applies for transshipment primary inspection to the China Inspection (Hong Kong) Limited Company, he shall also supply the original copies of the trade contract and goods sales invoice signed by the Hong Kong consignee and inland consignee.
2. The China Inspection (Hong Kong) Limited Company, during checking various stipulated contents according to the Implementation Plan, shall ensure official veterinarian hygiene certificates issued by the export country conform to the form and content confirmed by the general administration instead of the form and content suitable for Hong Kong; at the same time, the China Inspection (Hong Kong) Limited Company shall check the original copies of trade contracts and goods sales invoices signed by Hong Kong consignees and inland consignees, keep duplicate copies, and make a note that "this batch of goods is sent to the mainland XXXXXXXX company by the Hong Kong XXXXXXXX company (Hong Kong consignee in official veterinarian hygiene certificate issued by export country)" in its issued certificate, and put into a special envelope produced by the China Inspection (Hong Kong) Limited Company together with the other certificates and documents and seal them together.

II. On the definition of meat products imported by transshipment in Hong Kong

1. Meat Products imported by transshipment in Hong Kong refer to imported meat products that are sent inland by changing transportation tools or unloading at a place of anchorage or dock in the area under the jurisdiction of Hong Kong by legal means. According to the stipulations of the Implementation Plan, the owner or agent of these products shall apply for transshipment primary inspection to the China Inspection (Hong Kong) Limited Company authorized by the General Administration of State Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China, which shall be qualified if up to requirements after inspection by inspection and quarantine administrations at various places.