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GOI Restricts the Import of Additional Livestock Items

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Agriculture issued a final official gazette notification on March 28, 2008, which has brought additional livestock items under the scope of the restricted list of imports. The notification also outlines certain livestock items (mentioned in a separate list) that will not require a sanitary import permit or a no-objection certificate.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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Introduction: The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India released an official gazette notification which has brought additional livestock items under the scope of the restricted import list. Additionally, five categories of livestock items mentioned in the notification will not require a sanitary import permit or a no-objection certificate. This is a final protocol and is effective from its date of publication (March 28, 2008) in the official gazette of India.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on an initial review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural exports to India.

Type of Regulation: Final Protocol regulating the import of specified livestock items.

Important Dates:

- **GOI Official Gazette Notification Publication Date:** March 28, 2008
- **Effective Date:** March 28, 2008

Products Affected: Bristles, hair, horns, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, powder and waste of specific animals, raw skins and other parts of birds, including parchment dressed leather of other animals, chamois leather, patent leather, patent laminated leather, metalized leather, composition of leather with a basis of leather or leather fiber, tanned or dressed finkins, saddlery and harness of animals, articles of apparel and leather, articles of gut, bladders, tendons, gametted stock of wool or of fine animal hair etc.

Agency in Charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India (GOI).

Note: The announcement is yet to be notified to the WTO.

Background:

The new regulation is an amendment to DADF's earlier notification No. 655 (E) dated July 7, 2001 (<http://dahd.nic.in/trade/Notification%20dt.%207.7.2001.doc>).

Post Comments:

The DADF is in the process of preparing import health protocols for the specific livestock products listed in the new notification. Therefore, imports of the products specified under the new protocol may be held at ports until their health protocols are released. However, there is no official DAHD directive on how current imports will be treated.

The notification has not yet been posted on the official website of the DADF, however the full text details of the notification as published in the Official Gazette of India are attached along with this report.

The websites are mentioned for readers' convenience; USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained in the above sites.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 22nd March, 2008

S.O. 794(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 A of the Livestock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898) the Central Government hereby amends the notification of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying No. S.O. 655 (E) dated the 7th July, 2001 as follows:-

1. In the said notification, after sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (i), the following proviso shall be inserted as sub-paragraph vii, viii and ix:-

vi) pig, hog, boar bristles and hair, badge hair, brush making hair, bones, horn cores, whale bone hair, horns, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared (but not cut to shape) powder, and waste of these products:-

vii) raw skins and other parts of birds, with their feathers or down, feathers and parts of feathers (whether or not rimmed edges) and down, including parchment dressed leather, of other animals, without wool or hair on, whether or not split (of goat, swine, reptile etc.);

viii) chemicals (including combination chemicals) leather, patent leather and patent laminated leather, metallised leather;

ix) composition of leather with a basis of leather or leather fiber, in slabs, sheets or strips, whether or not in rolls, pieces and other waste of leather or of composition leather, not suitable for manufacture of leather articles, leather dust powder and flour.

x) tanned or dressed findings (including head, tails, paws, and other pieces or cuttings) unassembled, or assembled (with or without the addition of other materials); and

- (vi) wool not carded or combed fine or coarse animal hair not carded or combed, waste or wool or of fine or coarse animal hair including yarn waste excluding garneted stock

The import of these livestock products will, however, be regulated against the production of No Objection Certificate from the Officer-in-charge of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services Stations located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata or any other veterinary officer duly authorised by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries after inspection of the goods.

3 (II) For the import of livestock products indicated below neither sanitary import permit nor no objection certificate of the concerned Quarantine Officer will be required.

- (i) saddlery and harness of any animal of any material, trunks, suitcases, vanity cases, brief cases, satchel, pouches, hand bags etc;
- (ii) articles of apparel and clothing accessories of leather, of leather or of composition leather, articles of leather or of composition leather of a kind in machinery or mechanical appliances or for other technical uses;
- (iii) other articles of leather or of composition leather (straps, belt covers) articles of apparel, clothing accessories and other articles of fur skin;
- (iv) articles of gut of goat or boar's skin, of bladders, of tendons, articles of apparel, clothing accessories and other articles of fur skin, artificial fur and articles thereof, etc;
- (v) yarned stock of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair. Wool and fine or coarse animal hair: carded or combed (including combed wool in fragments), yarn of carded wool not put up for retail sale yarn of combed wool not put up for retail sale, yarn of fine animal hair (carded or combed) not put up for retail sale, yarn of wool or of fine animal hair put up for retail sale, yarn of coarse animal hair or of horse hair (including gimped horsehair yarn whether or not put up for retail sale), woven fabrics of carded wool or carded fine animal hair, woven fabrics of combed wool or carded fine animal hair, woven fabrics of coarse animal hair or of horse hair

The amendment shall be in force from the date of publication of this notification

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