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Report Name: India Publishes Post-Import Testing Requirements for Raw Hide - Skin - Furskins

Country: India

Post: New Delhi

Report Category: Livestock and Products

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Report Highlights:

On February 20, 2025, India's Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, published a memorandum requiring post-import testing of raw hide / skin / furskins for specified diseases. These include anthrax, lumpy skin disease (LSD), African swine fever (ASF), classical swine fever (CSF), peste des petits ruminants (PPR), sheep & goat pox, and foot and mouth disease (FMD). The testing is mandatory if the country of export and origin is affected by the diseases. The DAHD lists the Indian laboratories that will conduct the required tests.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On February 20, 2025, India's Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, published [Office Memorandum L-110110/17/2017 – Trade \(E-2957\)](#), “Regulation of import of livestock products under the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898: post-import testing of raw hide/skin/furskins – regarding”. The notification brings out the requirement of mandatory testing for animal disease to attain import clearance of the imported raw hide/skin/furskins. These tests will be conducted for the shipments from countries of export and origin that are affected by the stated diseases. The enumerated diseases are anthrax, lumpy skin (LSD), African swine fever (ASF), classical swine fever (CSF), peste des petits ruminants (PPR), sheep & goat pox, and foot and mouth (FMD). The notification itemizes the affected commodities, HS (Harmonized System) code 4101, 4102, and 4103, 4301, and 4302 (except HS code 43021.940 – tiger-cat skin). The DAHD further lists the Indian laboratories that will conduct the required tests. Test for Anthrax will be conducted by the regional Disease Diagnostic laboratory (RDDLs), and ICAR – National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) will undertake tests for LSD, PPR, ASF, CSF, sheep and goat pox.

BACKGROUND

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, regulates import of livestock and livestock products in accordance with the ‘Live-stock Importation Act, 1898’. The procedure for import of livestock and livestock products was initially notified by DAHD on October 16, 2014, vide S.O. 2666 (E) with the intention to prevent the ingress of dangerous exotic transmissible diseases into India. The DAHD's **Office Memorandum L-110110/17/2017 – Trade (E-2957)**, published on February 20, 2025, notification is one of the amendments to the afore-mentioned notification.

File No.: L-110110/17/2017-Trade (E-2957)

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दिनांक / Dated the 20th February, 2025.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Regulation of import of livestock products under the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898: *post-import testing of raw hide / skin / furskins* -regarding.

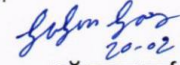
This Department is regulating import of livestock products under the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898. The procedure for import of livestock products into India has been notified vide S.O. 2666 (E), dated 16th October, 2014 and its further amendments.

2. To limit any potential risk associated with import of raw hide, raw skin and raw furskins, the consignments pertaining to 20 tariff lines of raw hides and skins under chapter 41 (4101-4103) and 12 tariff lines of raw furskins under chapter 43 (4301-4302 except 43021940: tiger-cat skin) mapped with Animal Quarantine and Certification Service Station (AQCS) for import clearance, which are coming from the country (country of origin and export) affected by Anthrax, Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), African Swine Fever (ASF), Classical Swine Fever (CSF), Peste des petits ruminants (PPR), Sheep & Goat Pox and Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD), the mandatory compulsory testing will be carried out through designated laboratories depending upon source animal.

3. Further, the requisite test will be undertaken in following Laboratories:

- (1) **Anthrax:** Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RDDLs).
- (2) **FMD:** ICAR - National Institute on Foot & Mouth Disease (ICAR - NIFMD), Bhubaneswar.
- (3) **LSD, PPR, ASF, CSF, Sheep and Goat Pox:** ICAR- National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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- 1) Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2) Joint Secretary (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi.
- 3) Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports, Chennai.
- 4) NIC, DAHD with a request to upload on the official website of DAHD and AQCS.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.