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Report Name: Removal of Timeframe Requirements for Imported Frozen and Processed Meat Products

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Report Highlights:

In an effort to streamline trade and ensure national food security, the Singapore Food Agency recently removed timeframe restrictions on frozen and processed meat imports.

Summary

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) recently reviewed and removed timeframe restrictions on frozen and processed meat product imports. SFA reports this initiative was taken to streamline trade and ensure national food security.

Prior to this revision, frozen and processed meat products arriving in Singapore were required to adhere to strict timeframe requirements depending on the product. For example, frozen pork arriving in Singapore 3 to 6 months after slaughter was previously automatically subjected to detention for laboratory testing, while product arriving more than 6 months after slaughter was not allowed. Similarly, frozen beef, mutton or poultry arriving in Singapore 6 to 12 months after slaughter was previously automatically subjected to detention for laboratory testing, while product arriving more than 12 months after slaughter was not allowed. Lastly, processed meat arriving in Singapore 3 to 6 months after manufacture was previously automatically subjected to detention for laboratory testing, while product arriving more than 6 months after manufacture was not allowed.

Following the removal of this regulation, U.S. frozen and processed meats exported to Singapore are no longer subjected to these timeframe requirements. However, U.S. exporters are reminded that the timeframe requirements for chilled meat products are still applicable and that all meat and meat products can only be exported by SFA-approved sources, with veterinary health certificates issued by USDA. All imported meat and meat product consignments will continue to be subjected to random inspection and laboratory testing by SFA. Updated, detailed guidance on all meat and meat product export requirements for Singapore can be found at the [USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Export Library](#). Additionally, an SFA-issued trade circular describing this policy change can be found at: https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2020-04-23_trade-circular---review-of-permissible-timeframe-requirements-for-imported-meat.pdf

Attachments:

No Attachments.