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The GOI's New Regulations on Meat and Meat Products Imports

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Report Highlights:

Indonesia's ministries of agriculture and trade released new regulations on the import of meat and meat products in late August/early September, 2013. Changes include the creation of a reference price system, which calls for meat imports when local retail prices rise above a set level. Post continues to work with the Government of Indonesia and Indonesian importers to clarify certain provisions of these regulations.

General Information:

On August 28, 2013, Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) released a new regulation on importing meat, offal and processed meat. The regulation replaced MOA Regulations No. 50/2011 and 63/2013 on the same subject. The regulation was implemented on August 29, 2013. Following this, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) released Regulation No. 46/2013 on the importation of animals and animal products. This regulation replaces MOT Regulation No. 22/2013. MOT's regulation was implemented on September 2, 2013. Key changes are indicated below. [Unofficial English translation of MOT and MOA regulations can be viewed at this link.](#)

Changes specified in MOA regulation No. 84/2013 are as follows:

- Indonesia will implement a reference price system. Under the reference price system, import permits will not be issued when local retail prices fall below a certain level. (See below under MOT regulation changes for additional information on the reference price system).
- No special provisions are made for fresh/chilled prime cuts.
- MOA clarified that meat falling under HS code 0207.11.00.00 (whole chicken) is permitted for trade. Note: this HS code has been permitted since 2011, but import permits were never issued.
- MOA clarified that processed turkey and chicken (including whole muscle cuts) is not permitted for trade. Note: MOT's regulation contradicts this point and states that processed turkey and chicken is allowed (see below).
- MOA will no longer issue volume allocations. However, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) will determine import volumes through Import Approvals (SPI).
- MOA will issue a "Recommendation on Technical Veterinary Public Health" signed by the Director of Veterinary Public Health and Postharvest. An import recommendation signed by MOA's Director General of Livestock and Animal Health is no longer required.
- Import recommendation applications for business corporations will open four (4) times per year; December 1-31, March 1-31, June 1-30, and September 1-30. However, import recommendations received in December will only be valid during January to March of the following year. The recommendations received in March, June and September will be valid until the end of December of the current year.
- Importers must obtain a provincial office recommendation before they can apply for an MOA recommendation (this is not new).

Note: In order to obtain a provincial office recommendation, regency or municipal officer recommendation must first be acquired. The validity of provincial and regional/municipal office recommendations varies between six months to one year.

- Imports can be conducted by business corporations, social institutions, foreign country representatives, international institutions and government-owned companies. The regulation explains the criteria and the purpose of the import for each institution. Business corporations are required to have their own cold storage and refrigerated transportation.
- Business corporations are only allowed to import meat for industry, hotels, restaurants, and

caterers. Imports for food retail (including high-value products) are not permitted. State-owned companies are allowed to import meat for market operations.

- The importer must import the products from MOA-approved establishments.
- The label should contain:
 - Destination
 - Establishment number
 - Slaughter or production date
 - Volume
 - Identification/specification of meat, offal, carcass and/or processed products
 - Halal logo for required products

Changes specified in MOT regulation No. 46/2013 are as follows:

- MOT, like MOA, specifies that Indonesia will implement a reference price system. Under the MOT policy, when meat prices rise above IDR 776,000/kg, imports will be allowed until the price reaches the reference price level. MOT is responsible for monitoring and setting the reference price.
- MOT will determine import volumes through Import Approvals (SPI).
- Like MOA, the MOT regulation specifies that special provisions will no longer be made for prime cuts (fresh/chilled or frozen).
- MOA clarified that meat falling under HS code 0207.11.00.00 (whole chicken) is permitted for trade. Note: this HS code has been permitted since 2011, but import permits were never issued.
- MOT also allows imports of processed turkey and chicken. HS Codes include 1602.31.10.00, 1602-31.91.00, 1602.31.99.00, 1602.32.10.00, 1602.32.90.00, 1602.39.00.00, 1603.00.20.00, 1603.00.30.00, and 1603.0090.00. Note that these codes are not included in MOA's regulation.
- Pre shipment inspection is no longer required.
- Businesses must have a Registered Import (IT) Number before being allowed to import. The IT will be valid for two years. (Note that as per previous regulations, Indonesia's state-owned company does not need an IT Number).
- MOT will issue an SPI after the importer obtains the "Recommendation on Technical Veterinary Public Health" from MOA as well as a recommendation from the National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM) for processed animal-based foods.
- Applications can be submitted online via INATRADE System four (4) times per year with the following schedule:
 - December submission is valid for the January – March following year import allocation
 - March submission is valid for April-June current year import allocation
 - June submission is valid for July-September current year import allocation
 - September submission is valid October-December current year import allocation
- SPIs will be issued in the beginning of each quarter.
- Importers must import 80% of the total SPI allocation per year.
- Certificates of health from exporting countries must indicate the SPI Number
- The label must contain:

- Name of product
- List of ingredient
- Net weight or net volume
- Name of and address of producer or importer
- Halal logo for required product
- Date and production code
- Expiration date
- Registration Number (ML) for processed food
- Origin of particular food stuff

Note: MOT labeling requirements do not match that of MOA Regulation No. 84/2013