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### **GOI Releases Health Certificate for Pork and Pork Product Imports**

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**Report Highlights:**

On November 6, 2015, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries, Government of India, published a new veterinary health certificate for pork and pork product imports. To date, this veterinary health certificate has not been notified to the World Trade Organization.

## General Information:

**Disclaimer:** The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Government of India (GOI) and World Trade Organization (WTO) websites: <http://dahd.nic.in/dahd/trade.aspx> and [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org). The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The summary below is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

On March 16, 2015, an earlier draft veterinary certificate for imported pork and pork products was published on the WTO website for comment (Please see [IN5036](#)). After reviewing comments, on November 6, 2015, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DAHDF) published an updated veterinary health certificate for pork and pork product imports on its website. This revised certificate introduces some new language and requirements in comparison to the draft protocol. For example, the new certificate inserts a new paragraph, 6(f), which emphasizes that pork and pork product imports should be produced according to the Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat, and adds that these products should be sourced from pigs that are slaughtered from an approved slaughter house/abattoir. In 6(f), the certificate also provides further requirements for *Taenia solium cysticerci*. To date, this veterinary health certificate has not been notified to the WTO.

Details on the published certificate:

Type of Regulation: Final

GOI Publication Date: November 6, 2015

WTO Notification Date: Not notified (as of November 23, 2015)

Date of Implementation: November 6, 2015

Products Affected: Pork and pork products

Agency in charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries,

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India (GOI)

The health certificate is accessible online at <http://dahd.nic.in/dahd/trade.aspx> or can be directly accessed at [Veterinary Certificate for Import of Pork and Pork Products into India](#).

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS INTO  
INDIA  
(APPLICABLE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF PROCESSED AND UN-PROCESSED  
PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS)**

Certificate No. ----- Date of issue.....

Name of exporting country: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of the veterinary authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:.....

**I. Identification of the meat**

Type of portions of meat and meat products. \_\_\_\_\_

Number and type of package: \_\_\_\_\_

Net weight: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Origin of the meat**

Address (es) and number(s) of veterinary approval of the abattoir(s) or farms: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Destination of the meat**

The meat/meat product is being sent from -----  
\_\_\_\_\_ (place of dispatch) to \_\_\_\_\_ (country and  
place of destination).

Nature and identification of means of transport: \_\_\_\_\_

Container No.-----

**(Specify the number of wagon, truck, flight number, name of the ship)**

Name and address of exporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of the consignee: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Attestation of wholesomeness**

The undersigned Official Veterinarian certifies that:

1. The meat comes from abattoir(s)/processing plant(s) accredited/ approved for export by the competent authority of the exporting country;

2. The animal(s) from which the product has been sourced was/were born and reared in the country of export,

or

The pork meat products have been produced in the exporting country.....(name of the exporting country) with the raw materials legally imported from the country..... (Name of the country) that satisfies the Indian requirements detailed in the sanitary information.

3. The pork or pork product(s) come(s) from animal(s) slaughtered in abattoirs /processing plant(s) where no meat other than pork has been processed during production of fresh meat or added to the meat products at any stage during production.

4. The consignment(s) destined to India do not contain beef and beef products in any form.

5. The exporting country has system in place to demonstrate that the residues of pesticides, drugs, mycotoxins and chemicals in the meat and meat products comply with the Indian Food Safety and Standard Regulation or Codex Alimentarius.

6. The consignment contains fresh/frozen/chilled meat and satisfies the following sanitary requirements:

(a) The country is free from Foot and Mouth Disease (Type C, SAT 1, 2, and 3);

(b) The country is also free from FMD (O,A, and Asia 1).

or

The country is free from FMD of type C, SAT 1,2,3 but not free from O, A, Asia 1 and has established FMD free zones with vaccination and without vaccination in accordance with OIE guidelines. The entire consignment of meat and meat products has been sourced from the said FMD free zones and has been processed in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code,

or

The pork and pork product(s) have been sourced from the FMD free compartment (name of the compartment) established in accordance with principles of compartmentalization for FMD of OIE. The meat and meat products have been sourced from that compartment and have been processed in accordance with OIE guidelines.

(c) The country is free from African Swine Fever (ASF);

or

The country is not free from African swine fever and the country has surveillance programme in place and established a zone in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code. The fresh meat satisfies the following conditions:

(i) The source animals have been kept in an ASF free zone since birth or for at least the past 40 days, or which have been imported in accordance with OIE guidelines;

(ii) The source animals have been slaughtered in an approved abattoir, have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with OIE, and have been found free of any signs suggestive of ASF.

(d) The fresh pork and pork products have been produced in accordance with the Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005);

and

either:

- comes from domestic pigs originating from a compartment with a negligible risk for *Trichinella* infection in accordance with OIE;
  - or
- comes from domestic pigs that tested negative by an approved method for the detection of *Trichinella* larvae;
  - or
- was processed to ensure the inactivation of *Trichinella* larvae in accordance with the recommendations of the Codex.

(e) The country is free from Aujeszky's disease and the source animals were kept in the country since birth.

or,

The country is not free from Aujeszky's disease and the country has established zone in accordance with OIE and the fresh pork and pork products have been sourced from the said established zone and do not contain head, thoracic and abdominal viscera.

(f) The entire consignment of pork and pork meat products:

1) has been produced in accordance with the Codex Code of Hygiene for Meat (CAC/RCP-58-2005),

AND

2) comes from pigs which have been slaughtered in an approved slaughterhouse/abattoir

AND

3) either

a) comes from pigs born and raised in country, zone or compartment demonstrated to be free from *T. solium* in accordance with OIE.

or

b) comes from pigs which have been subjected to post-mortem inspections for *Taenia solium cysticerci* with favourable results

or

c) has been processed to ensure the inactivation of the *T. Solium cysticerci* in accordance with one of the following procedure:

1) heat treatment to a core temperature of at least 80° C;

or

2) freezing to minus 10° C or less for at least ten days or any time at temperature equivalent.

(g) The pork and pork product(s) come(s) from animals which was/were also kept in an establishment for at least three months where, Enterovirus encephalomyelitis, Transmissible gastro-enteritis, Tuberculosis, Porcine Brucellosis and Anthrax have not been reported.

7. In case the consignment contains pork products (other than fresh/chilled or frozen), the Official veterinarian has to certify the condition no. 1 to 6 as well as the following condition:

The pork product(s) has/have been produced by adopting one of the following three procedures:

1. Canning

Meat is subjected to heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to reach an internal core temperature of at least 70°C for a minimum of 30 minutes or to any equivalent treatment which has been demonstrated to inactivate the pathogens mentioned in the above sanitary conditions.

2. Thorough cooking

Meat, previously deboned and defatted, and subjected to heating so that an internal temperature of 70°C or greater was maintained for a minimum of 30 minutes.

After cooking, it has been packed and handled in such a way to avoid exposure to any pathogens.

3. Drying after salting

After the completion of *rigor mortis*, the meat was deboned, salted with cooking salt (NaCl) and completely dried. It will not deteriorate at ambient temperature.

(‘Drying’ is defined in terms of the ratio between water and protein which must not be greater than 2.25:1.)

(g) The meat should be packed aseptically, adopting proper hygiene and sanitary measures.

(h) Fresh packing material is used and satisfies the necessary sanitary-hygienic requirements.

Official stamp:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

Contact:

**Post Import Requirements:**

1. On arrival, the consignment and the documents will be examined by the Regional/Quarantine Officer.

2. The samples may be drawn for testing of diseases as mentioned in the health certificate. The cost of testing shall be borne by the importer.

3. In case of positive findings, appropriate action shall be taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India at the cost of importing agency.