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Report Highlights:

Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) issued regulation 58/2015, replacing MOA 139/2014 and 2/2015. The regulation lists additional meat cuts allowed for import and lengthens meat import periods from three months to four, while reducing the number of import periods from four to three. MOA will accept import recommendation applications from December 14 to December 31, 2015. The Ministry of Trade will issue import permits from December 18 to December 31, 2015.

MOA Regulation No. 58/2015.

Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) issued regulation 58/2015 on the importation of carcasses, meat and processed meats on November 25, 2015. The regulation was implemented on December 7, 2015 and replaces MOA regulations 139/2014 and 2/2015. The regulation still requires importers to obtain an import recommendation from MOA prior to requesting an import permit from the Ministry of Trade (MOT). Post notes, however, that while MOA has updated its regulation, MOT continues to refer to MOT regulations 46/2015, 57/2013, 17/2014 and 41/2015.

Major changes are as follows:

Import Requirements

- The regulation requires importers to purchase Indonesian beef. General Importers must purchase at least three percent of their import allocation locally while Producer Importers must purchase at least 1.5 percent of their import allocation.
 - The regulation specifies the following cuts as permissible for import:
 - 0201200000**: prime cuts (includes* short ribs, OP ribs/ribs prepared);
 - 0201300000**: prime cuts (includes* sirloin butt/roast beef); manufacturing meat (includes* Trimmings 65-95 CL, forequarter, hindquarter)
 - 0202200000**: prime cuts (includes* OP ribs/ribs prepared, brisket/short plate)
 - 0202300000**: prime cuts (includes* short plate); manufacturing meat (includes* topside/inside, brisket, forequarter, hindquarter)
 - 0206100000**: Fancy and variety meat
 - 0206210000**: Fancy and variety meat (includes* tongue root/throat trim, cheek meat, head meat, lips, tendon)
 - 0206290000**: Fancy and variety meat
 - 0207430000**: includes* foie gras
- * new products on the list

Formerly the allowed meat import list was limited to prime cuts, manufacturing meat, tongue and tail.

- Storage period requirements:
 - Frozen meats** must arrive in Indonesia no later than six months after slaughter. Frozen meat must be stored at a temperature no higher than minus 18°C.
 - Chilled meats** must arrive in Indonesia no later than three months after slaughter. Chilled meats must be stored at a temperature no higher than 4°C.

Import Procedures

- Import recommendations must be applied for online from the Center of Plant Variety Protection and Agriculture Licensing (PPVTPP). Applications are verified by PPVTPP. If approved, PPVTPP will submit it on-line to the Director General of Livestock and Animal Health Services

(DGLAHS) one day after receiving the application. DGLAHS will inform the applicant of approval or rejection within 3 days. Approvals will then be informed to MOT by PPVTPP.

Formerly, the on-line application was made directly to DGLAHS's Director of Veterinary Public Health and Post-Harvest. PPVTPP was not involved.

- Import recommendations will be issued three times a year in December, April and August. Applications will be made on: December 1-31, April 1-30 and August 1-31. The validity of Import recommendations will be: January 1-April 30 (period 1), May 1-August 30 (period 2), and September 1-December 31 (period 3).

Formerly, recommendations were issued four times a year. Recommendations were valid 3 months instead of four.

- An Importer Identification Number (API) is required to apply for an import recommendation.

Formerly, a Registered Importer Number (IT-animal and animal products) was also required.

- Volume allocations are determined by MOT.
- State-owned enterprises are allowed to import secondary cuts at any time in order to ensure sufficient supplies and stable prices. Cuts permitted for import by state-owned companies are as follows:
 - 0201.10.00.00 and 0202.10.00.00:** carcass and half carcasses
 - 0201.30.00.00 and 0202.30.00.00:** secondary cuts – knuckle, topside/inside, silverside, outside, chuck, blade/clod

Meat Import Permit 2016

Post sources report that MOA opened the application period for January-April import recommendations from December 14 to December 31, 2015. MOT opened import permit (SPI) application period from Dec 18 December to December 31, 2015. Several meat importers report they have received import recommendations and are in currently applying for import permit from MOT. Post does not yet have final numbers on the quantity of import permits issued for the first period.