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Animal health requirements for pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan from Austria

- 1 This document defines animal health requirements for pig meat etc. and its products to be exported to Japan from Austria.
- 2 In this document, the definitions of terms are as follows:
 - (1) **Pig** is pig and boar.
 - (2) **Pig meat etc.** is meat, fat, and viscera of pig and meat products made from the said meat and viscera such as sausages, ham and bacon etc.
 - (3) **The Japanese animal health authorities** are Animal Health and Animal Products Safety Division, Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Japanese government.
 - (4) **The third free countries** are countries or regions approved as free from foot-and-mouth disease(FMD), Rinderpest, African swine fever(ASF) and Classical swine fever(CSF) by the Japanese animal health authorities, which are listed in Annex (link).
- 3 When Austria exports pig meat etc. to Japan, the following requirements must have been fulfilled in Austria.
 - (1) Austria has been free from FMD, Rinderpest, ASF and CSF.
 - (2) Vaccination against FMD, Rinderpest, ASF and CSF are completely prohibited in Austria.
 - (3) Importation of cloven-hoofed animals which have been vaccinated against FMD, Rinderpest, ASF and CSF is completely prohibited.
 - (4) The feeding of swill is forbidden, unless the swill has been treated to inactivate any CSF virus in Austria.
- 4 The pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be produced, processed and stored in Austria or the third free countries.
- 5 The pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be the one which fulfills the following requirements:
 - (1) In case the pig meat etc. has been derived from the pig which was born and raised in Austria:
 - 1 The pig for the production of pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be born and raised only in Austria.
 - 2 It has to be confirmed that the pig for the production of pig meat etc. is free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official inspectors of the national government of Austria at the approved slaughter facilities specified in the article 6.
 - (2) In case the pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan has been derived from the pig which has been imported from the third free countries:
 - 1 The pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be derived from the pig which was born and raised only in the third free countries.
 - 2 The pig for the production of pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must have been directly imported to Austria from the third free countries without any transit through countries other than the third free countries.
 - 3 The pig for the production of pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan shall have been free from any evidence of animal infectious disease as a result of import inspection conducted by the animal health authorities of Austria.

- 4 It has to be confirmed that the pig for the production of pig meat etc. is free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official inspectors of the national government of Austria at the approved slaughter facilities specified in the article 6.
- (3) In case the pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan has been originated from the pig meat etc. which has been imported from the third free countries.
 - 1 The pig meat etc. for the production of pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be derived from the pig which was born and raised only in the third free countries.
 - 2 The pig meat etc. for the production of pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must have been directly imported to Austria from the third free countries without any transit through countries other than the third free countries.
 - 3 The pig meat etc. for the production of pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must have been free from any evidence of animal infectious disease as a result of import inspection conducted by the animal health authorities of Austria, and after the said inspection the pig meat etc. must have been directly carried into the approved facilities specified in the article 7.
- 6 The slaughter facilities (hereinafter referred to as "the approved slaughter facilities") where the pig for the production of the pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan is slaughtered must be approved by the national government of Austria as the ones which only handle the pig fulfilled the requirements specified in article 5 of (1)1,2 and (2)1,2,3.
- 7 The processing facilities (hereinafter referred to as "the approved processing facilities") where the pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan is processed and stored must be approved by the national government of Austria as the ones which only handle the pig meat etc. produced at the approved slaughter facilities specified in article 6 or the pig meat etc. fulfilled all requirements specified in article 5 of (3).
- 8 The animal health authorities of Austria must ensure that the pig meat etc. is stored in clean and sanitary wrappings and/or containers and handled in a way to prevent it from being contaminated with any pathogens of any animal infectious diseases after slaughtering, processing and storing at the approved slaughter facilities or the approved processing facilities (hereinafter referred to as "the approved facilities") until its shipment.
- 9 In case the pig meat etc. is transported to Japan through the third countries or Austria, the pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be the one which fulfills the following requirements:
 - (1) the pig meat etc. to be exported to Japan must be packed in a tight container.
 - (2) the said container must be sealed by the animal health authorities of Austria.
 - (3) the seal must be obviously differentiated from that of the third countries.
 - (4) the form of the said seal must be approved by the animal health authorities of Japan in advance.
- 10 If the seal specified in article 9 is found to have been intentionally broken or dropped out, etc. at the time of inspection after arrival in Japan, the exported pig meat etc. to Japan in question might be prohibited to import to Japan.

- 11 If FMD, Rinderpest, ASF or CSF occurs in Austria, the Japanese animal health authorities immediately suspend the importation of the pig meat etc. from Austria. The exported pig meat etc. which is on the way to Japan must be prohibited to be imported into Japan, except the one which bears definitely no epidemiological relation to the outbreak of the said disease.
- 12 If FMD, Rinderpest, ASF or CSF occurs in Austria, the animal health authorities of Austria must suspend the shipment of the pig meat etc. to Japan.
- 13 In case FMD, Rinderpest, ASF or CSF occurs in the third free countries, the government authorities of Austria immediately must suspend the shipment of the pig meat etc. to Japan from the approved facilities which handle cloven-hoofed animal and pig meat etc. imported from the said third free countries and officially inform the Japanese animal health authorities of the said suspension (with the information of the name, address and approved number of the said facilities). The exported pig meat etc. which is on the way to Japan might be prohibited to be imported into Japan, except the one which bears definitely no epidemiological relation to the occurrence of the said diseases.
- 14 The suspension of the shipment of the exported pig meat etc. to Japan in article 12 may be lifted when the Japanese animal health authorities have confirmed that the third free countries concerned is free from the said disease, or when the government authorities of Austria have prohibited bringing cloven-hoofed animals and the meat etc. from the third free countries concerned the approved facilities and have informed the Japanese animal health authorities of the said prohibition. (unless the pig meat etc. has epidemiological relation to the occurrence of the said diseases.)
- 15 The animal health authorities of Austria must inform the Japanese animal health authorities of occurrence of animal infectious diseases (including FMD, Rinderpest, ASF and CSF) by a monthly report.
- 16 The animal health authorities of Austria must keep the record for the name and address of the premises where the pigs for the production of the exported pig meat etc. to Japan have been raised. The record must be provided on request of the Japanese animal health authorities.
- 17 The managers of the approved facilities must record the following items and keep them for at least 2 years;
 - (1) quantity of pig / pig meat etc.
 - (2) In case the approved facilities handle the pig/ pig meat etc. imported from the third free countries, name of the third free countries
 - (3) date of slaughtering / processing
 - (4) date and quantity of each shipping
- 18 The animal health authorities of Austria must visit the approved facilities at least once every 6 months and check whether the facilities maintain fulfillment of the requirements of the animal health requirements of this document.
- 19 If the animal health authorities of Austria find that approved facilities do not meet the animal health requirements of this document as the result of the visit of the article 18 , they must immediately suspend the shipment of the pig meat etc. and revoke its approval and inform the Japanese animal health authorities of relevant information of the case as soon as possible.

- 20 The Japanese animal health authorities can make on-site inspections of the approved facilities when they regard it as necessary to confirm whether they meet the animal health requirements of this document.
- 21 When the Japanese animal health authorities recognize that approved facilities do not fulfill the animal health requirements of this document, they immediately suspend the import of pig meat etc. in the facilities.
- 22 The animal health authorities of Austria must inform the Japanese animal health authorities of the names, addresses and registration numbers of the approved facilities (approved slaughter facilities and approved processing facilities) in advance.
- 23 The animal health authorities of Austria must issue inspection certificates for the exported pig meat etc. to Japan, stating the following items in detail in English:
- (1) Compliance with each requirement of the articles from 3 to 5 and 8.
 - (2) Names, addresses and approved numbers of the approved slaughter facilities, and approved processing facilities.
 - (3) Date of slaughter and processing
 - (4) Identification numbers of the seal of the container.
 - (5) Date and name of the port of shipment.
 - (6) Date and place of issue of the inspection certificate, and name and title of the sign.
- 24 The animal health requirements that are stipulated by this document must be applied to the exported pig meat etc. to Japan originated from the pig, which are slaughtered on the 1. January 2004 and after.

Annex

<http://www.maff.go.jp/ags/english/news/third-free.html>

Additional animal health requirements for the meat products using casings to be exported to Japan from Austria

In case the meat products to be exported to Japan uses casings, the casings must satisfy the following requirements.

In case the casings are derived from cattle, sheep and goat;

- (1) The casings are derived from animal which was born and raised in the countries other than the countries listed in Annex.
- (2) It has to be confirmed that the casings are free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official inspectors of national government of the exported country.
In case the casing for the production of exported meat products are imported from the third countries, the casing must have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of import inspection conducted by the exported country.
- (3) Casings have been handled only at the facilities approved (hereinafter referred to as "approved casing facilities") by the national government of exported countries as the ones which handle only casings prescribed in item 1 and 2. (In case the casings are imported from the third countries, this provision must apply to the meat processing facilities in the third countries.)
- (4) The animal health authorities of the exported country must inform the Japanese animal health authorities of the name, address, registration number of the approved casing facilities in advance.
- (5) The animal health authorities of the exported country must issue inspection certificates for the exported meat products using casing to Japan, stating the following items in English:
 - 1) Item 1 and 2
 - 2) The kind of casings (natural or artificial), country of origin and animal species of origin
 - 3) Name, address and registration number of approved casing facilities

In case the natural casings are derived from pig;

- (1) It has to be confirmed that the casings are free from any animal infectious diseases as a consequence of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by official inspectors of national government of the exported country.
In case the casing for the production of exported meat products are imported from the third countries, the casing must have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of import inspection conducted by the exported country.
- (2) The animal health authorities of the exported country must issue inspection certificates for the exported meat products using casing to Japan, stating the following items in English:
 - 1) Item 1
 - 2) The kind of casings (natural or artificial), country of origin

United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Ireland, Swiss, France, Portugal, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, the Netherlands, Liechtenstein, Germany, Spain, Greece, Italy, Czech, Slovakia, Austria, Finland, Slovenia, Poland, Sweden, Israel, Canada, USA