

Animal health requirements for meat and viscera derived from cloven-hoofed animals and sausage, ham and bacon made from such meat and viscera as raw materials to be exported to Japan from Costa Rica

Animal health requirements for meat and viscera derived from cloven-hoofed animals and sausage, ham and bacon made from such meat and viscera as raw materials to be exported to Japan from Costa Rica (hereinafter referred to as “the exported meat, etc. to Japan”) are as follows.

(General requirements)

- 1 Costa Rica has been free from Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest and African swine fever, and vaccination against these diseases is completely prohibited by law of Costa Rica.
- 2 Importation of cloven-hoofed animals which have been vaccinated against Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest and/or African swine fever is completely prohibited in Costa Rica.

(Requirements for designated facilities)

- 3 Slaughterhouse, meat-processing facilities and storage, etc. for dealing with the exported meat, etc. to Japan shall have been designated by the government authorities of Costa Rica (hereinafter referred to as “the designated facilities”) as the ones which can meet the requirements in items from 4 to 8.
- 4 Cloven-hoofed animals which can be dealt with at the designated facilities shall have been born and raised only in Costa Rica.

However, the cloven-hoofed animals, that are directly imported to Costa Rica from the countries listed as per the attachment 1 which have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan as the ones which have been free from Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest and African swine fever (hereinafter referred to as “the third free countries”), and that completely meet the following requirements in items from ① to ④, can be

dealt with at the designated facilities.

- ① The said animals shall have been born and raised only in the third free countries.
- ② The said animals shall have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of export inspection conducted by the government authorities of the third free countries.
- ③ The said animals shall have been directly imported to Costa Rica from the third free countries, and shall have been accompanied with the inspection certificate, stating items ① and ②, issued by the government authorities of the third free countries, and shall not have been transported through other countries than the third free countries in question.
- ④ The said animals shall have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of import inspection conducted by the government authorities of Costa Rica.

5 The meat and viscera derived from cloven-hoofed animals and sausage, ham and bacon, etc. made from such meat or viscera (hereinafter referred to as "the meat, etc.") which can be dealt with at the designated facilities, shall originate from the cloven-hoofed animals which have been born and raised only in Costa Rica, and shall have been dealt with only at the designated facilities in Costa Rica.

However, the meat, etc. that are directly imported to Costa Rica from the third free countries and that completely meet the following requirements in items from ① to ⑤ can be dealt with at the designated facilities.

- ① The meat, etc. shall have been derived from the cloven-hoofed animals which have been born and raised only in the third free countries.
- ② The meat, etc. shall have been derived from the cloven-hoofed animals which have been free from any abnormal findings as a result of ante- and post-mortem inspection conducted by the government veterinarians of the third free countries at the designated facilities which have been designated by the government authorities of the third free countries as the one at which the meat, etc. to be exported to Japan can be dealt with.
- ③ The meat, etc. shall have been directly imported to Costa Rica from the third free countries, and shall have been accompanied with the inspection certificate, stating items ① and ②, issued by the government authorities of the third free countries, and shall not have been transported through other countries than the third free countries in question.
- ④ The meat, etc. shall have been free from any evidence of animal infectious diseases as a result of import inspection conducted by the government authorities of Costa Rica, and shall have been directly carried into the designated facilities in Costa Rica after the said inspection.
- ⑤ The meat, etc. which were carried into the designated facilities shall be divided into each lot and shall be marked by lot at all times so as to confirm the production area, the entrance date and the quantity.

- 6 The species, quantities, production areas and date of dealing with as to cloven-hoofed animals and the meat, etc. which have been dealt with at the designated facilities (in case of dealing with the ones imported from the third free countries, the name of exporting countries is also required.) shall be recorded on the original records. The original records shall be kept at least two years at the designated facilities.
- 7 The government authorities of Costa Rica shall inform the Animal Health Division, Bureau of Livestock Industries, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Japanese animal health authorities”), in advance, of the name, address, registration number and production capacity (e.g. the total number of slaughtered animals and the total amount of processed meat and meat products per day, and capacity of storage) of the designated facilities (in case of dealing with cloven-hoofed animals and the meat, etc. imported from the third free countries, the name of exporting countries is also required.).
- 8 The government veterinarians of Costa Rica shall confirm by residence or periodic patrols that the designated facilities meet the requirements in items from 4 to 7. If the designated facilities do not meet the requirements in items from 4 to 7, the government authorities of Costa Rica shall immediately revoke the designation of the said facilities and shall inform the Japanese animal health authorities of the name, etc. of the said facilities, and shall suspend the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan. The government authorities of Costa Rica shall discuss re-exportation of the exported meat, etc. to Japan with the Japanese animal health authorities.

(Requirements for the exported meat, etc. to Japan)

- 9 The cloven-hoofed animals which have been slaughtered for the production of the exported meat, etc. to Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the slaughtered animals”) shall have been born and raised only in Costa Rica.

However, either the cloven-hoofed animals that are directly imported to Costa Rica from the third free countries and that completely meet the requirements in items from 4-① to 4-④, or the meat, etc. that are directly imported to Costa Rica from the third free countries and that completely meet the requirements in items from 5-① to 5-⑤, can be used for the production of the exported meat, etc. to Japan.

- 10 The slaughtered animals shall have been free from any abnormal findings as a result of ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by the government veterinarians of Costa Rica at the designated facilities.

11 The exported meat, etc. to Japan shall have been dealt with at the designated facilities in such a way as to keep it from being contaminated with any causative agents of animal infectious diseases. Clean and sanitary wrappings and/or containers such as card board boxes shall be used to pack the exported meat, etc. to Japan.

12 The exported meat, etc. to Japan shall have been dealt with in such a way as to keep it from being contaminated with any causative agents of animal infectious diseases until the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan.

(Requirements for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)

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(On-site inspections conducted by animal quarantine officer of Japan)

15 Animal quarantine officer of Japan can be empowered to make on-site inspections of the designated facilities and to make investigation of the original records. When the said animal quarantine officer finds the fact that the said animal health requirements have not been met, the said animal quarantine officer can suspend the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan.

(Others)

16 In case the exported meat, etc. to Japan transports through third countries, the exported meat, etc. to Japan shall be put in tight container. The container shall be sealed by the government authorities of Costa Rica with the seal which is apparently distinguishable from that of other countries. (The form of the seal shall have been approved in advance by the Japanese animal health authorities. In case the said seal has been broken or dropped out, etc. as a result of inspection when the said container arrives at Japan, the exported meat, etc. to Japan in question could be re-shipped or incinerated, etc. by Animal Quarantine Station in Japan).

17 In case Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest or African swine fever has occurred in Costa Rica, the animal health authorities of Japan shall immediately suspend the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan. The exported meat, etc. to Japan which is on the way to Japan could be re-shipped or incinerated, etc. by the animal health authorities of Japan, except the one which bears definitely no relation to the occurrence of the said diseases.

18 Concerning the designated facilities in Costa Rica into which cloven-hoofed animals and the meat, etc. imported from the third free countries are carried, in case Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest or African swine fever has occurred in the third free countries, the animal health authorities of Japan could immediately suspend the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan from the said facilities. The exported meat, etc. to Japan which is on the way to Japan could be re-shipped or incinerated, etc. by the animal health authorities of Japan, except the one which bears definitely no relation to the occurrence of the said diseases.

19 The suspension measures of the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan in item 18 could be released either in case the animal health authorities of Japan have recognized that the third free countries in question are free from the said diseases, or in case the government authorities of Costa Rica have suspended the carriage of cloven-hoofed animals and the meat, etc. imported

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from the third free countries in question in the said facilities and have informed the animal health authorities of Japan of the said suspension.

20 The government authorities of Costa Rica shall be responsible for informing the animal health authorities of Japan of incidences of animal infectious diseases (including Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest and African swine fever) by monthly report or by other periodicals. In case Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest or African swine fever has occurred in Costa Rica, the government authorities of Costa Rica shall immediately suspend the shipment of the exported meat, etc. to Japan and shall inform in detail the Japanese animal health authorities of the incidence immediately.

21 The government authorities of Costa Rica shall be responsible for informing the Japanese animal health authorities of import quantities of cloven-hoofed animals and the meat, etc. by country as well as by species, by monthly report or by other periodicals.

(Issue of inspection certificate)

22 The government authorities of Costa Rica shall be responsible for issuing inspection certificate for the exported meat, etc. to Japan, stating the following items in detail in English;

(1) Each requirement of items 1, 2 and from 9 to 14. (In case the exported meat, etc. to Japan has been produced from the cloven-hoofed animals and/or the meat, etc. derived from cloven-hoofed animals, directly imported to Costa Rica from the third free countries, the name of the third free countries and the requirements in items from 4-① to 4-④ and/or from 5-① to 5-⑤ stipulated in proviso in item 9 are also required.)

(2) Name, address and registration number of the designated facilities (in case slaughtering, processing and storing, etc. have not been done at the same designated facilities, each of the facilities at which the exported meat, etc. to Japan have been dealt with shall be described on the certificate).

(3) Date, authorities name and place of issue of the inspection certificate, and name and title of signer.

(4) Identification number of the seal sealing up the container, etc. (in case the transporting container, etc. is sealed up by the seal approved by the Japanese animal health authorities according to item 16).

Appendix 1

Appendix 2

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Requirements for the pig meat etc.

1 The pig meat, viscera and such meat products as sausage, ham and bacon to be exported to Japan from Costa Rica (hereinafter referred to as “the exported pig meat etc.”), shall be subject to the following additional requirements with regard to Classical Swine Fever (hereinafter referred to as “CSF”):

(1) Costa Rica is free from CSF.

(2) In Costa Rica, vaccination against CSF is prohibited.

(3) In Costa Rica, importation of pigs vaccinated against CSF is prohibited.

(Requirements for pigs or pig meat etc. from the third free country)

2 If pigs or pig meat, viscera and such meat products as sausage, ham and bacon (hereinafter referred to as “pig meat etc.”) from a third free country is used for the production of the exported pig meat etc. shall be accompanied by a certificate of the authorities of Costa Rica attesting item (1), (2) and (3) or (4) regard to CSF.

(1) A third free country (zone ※) is free from CSF.

(2) In a third free country (zone ※), vaccination against CSF is prohibited.

(3) In a third free country (zone ※), importation of pigs vaccinated against CSF is prohibited.

OR

(4) The pig meat etc. used for the production of the exported pig meat etc. was derived from pigs subjected to ante-and post-mortem without any evidence of CSF and not vaccinated against CSF and was processed in a way to ensure the destruction of CSF virus in the third free countries.

※ Zone is CSF free zone without vaccination against CSF established in a free country (as per attached ANNEX 2) where the CSF infection is still present and/or vaccination against CSF still remains.

The zone in a third free country is recognized by Japanese animal health authorities based on the on-site investigation.

(Requirements in case of an outbreak of CSF)

3 In case of an outbreak of CSF in Costa Rica, the government authorities of Costa Rica immediately have to inform the Japanese animal health authorities of the outbreak, and 6 months or more after the completion of necessary measures for the last case notify the completion to the Japanese animal health authority

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

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 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 casings 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

Annex