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LIVE PIGS: Import Health Requirements into Sri Lanka

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1. Purpose and Scope

These health requirements are established to prevent the introduction of transboundary animal diseases into Sri Lanka through the importation of pigs while facilitating safe international trade. These requirements are based on the standards and recommendations of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) and national policy decisions of Sri Lanka.

These requirements apply to the importation of pigs into Sri Lanka. The Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH), Sri Lanka, shall be the competent authority responsible for regulating the importation of pigs.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this protocol:

- **Competent Veterinary Authority:** The government authority responsible for animal health and veterinary certification in the exporting country.
- **Country-Free Status:** Officially certified by the Government Veterinary Authority as free from specified diseases.
- **Zone-Free Status:** Officially certified by the Government Veterinary Authority as free from specified diseases within a clearly defined area of a country.

3. Pre-import approval

A pre-import approval must be obtained from the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH), Sri Lanka, prior to shipment of each consignment of live pigs.

3.1. Country Freedom Status for Animal Diseases

The **Government Veterinary Authority** of the exporting country shall certify that the country is free from the following diseases:

African Swine Fever

Certification Required:

Official certification by the Government Veterinary Authority confirming that the exporting country has been officially recognized as free from the above diseases in accordance with the **WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code**.

3.2. Zone Freedom Status for Animal Diseases

The **Government Veterinary Authority** shall certify that the **zone or region of origin** of the animals is free from the following diseases:

Vesicular Stomatitis

Swine Vesicular Disease

Enterovirus Encephalomyelitis (Teschen Disease)

Foot and Mouth Disease (all serotypes)

Aujeszky's Disease

Classical Swine Fever (Hog Cholera)

Porcine Parvo Virus

Porcine Circovirus.

Certification Required:

Official certification by the Government Veterinary Authority confirming the disease-free status of the zone or region of origin.

3.3. Farm Freedom Status for Animal Diseases

The Government Veterinary Authority shall certify that the herd(s) of origin from which the animals are sourced have been free from the following diseases for the specified periods prior to shipment. The supplier shall provide technical evidence to substantiate this certification. It is strongly recommended to source animals from a single farm, or from a maximum of two farms, meeting the following specifications.

During the preceding twenty-four (24) months: Herd free status by surveillance and necessary documents need to be provided

- Transmissible Gastroenteritis (TGE)
- Porcine Brucellosis
- Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome

During the preceding twelve (12) months:

- Atrophic rhinitis
- Swine Erysipelas

During the preceding six (6) months:

- Vesicular Exanthema
- Swine Influenza
- Anthrax
- Toxoplasmosis
- Japanese B Encephalitis

4. Vaccination

The animals shall have been vaccinated against the following diseases using registered vaccines:

- All serotypes of Foot and Mouth Disease, where applicable, based on the national disease control policy.
- Porcine Circovirus Type 2

5. Tests

All diagnostic testing shall be conducted during the pre-export quarantine period under the supervision of the Government Veterinary Authority, in laboratories approved by the competent authority of the exporting country for export testing. Laboratory results shall be submitted, and only animals that test negative for the following diseases shall be eligible for import.

- Classical Swine Fever (Hog Cholera): ELISA and confirmatory PCR
- Brucellosis: ELISA
- Chlamydia (*C. suis*): PCR for antigen and ELISA/CFT for antibodies
- Salmonellosis: ELISA test
- Leptospirosis: MAT
- Trematodes: Fecal sedimentation test
- Nematodes and Cestodes: McMaster test
- Swine Influenza: PCR within 7 days before exportation
- Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome: qPCR within 30 days in pre-export quarantine period and found to be negative

6. Anti-parasitic Treatments

6.1. External parasites: Two treatments with a registered broad-spectrum ectoparasiticide/s, should be done. The 1st treatment shall be done prior to entering pre-export quarantine and the 2nd treatment shall be given three (3) days prior to embarkation. No visible external parasites shall be present on the day of shipment. The name/s of drug/s and treatment dates shall be specified.

6.2. Internal parasites: The 1st treatment shall be administered prior to entering pre-export quarantine. Two treatments 10–14 days apart with a registered broad-spectrum antiparasitic drug/s effective against helminths and all stages of flukes, should be given during the quarantine period. The 2nd treatments shall be given seven (7) days prior to embarkation. The name/s of drug/s and treatment dates shall be specified.

7. General Requirements

1. Animals shall be sourced from government-registered swine breeder farms. The sourced farms are considered as the “herd” in this document.
2. Animals should have been identified by a RFID ear tag with database traceability and should enable them to be traced back to the dam and piggery of origin.
3. The animals shall have been kept since birth in the country of origin.
4. Animals should be examined on the day of embarkation and should be in a good health with no deformities and any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases, and fit for transport.
5. The pre-export quarantine facility shall be vector-proof and approved by the Government Veterinary Authority. The animals shall be held in quarantine for thirty (30) days immediately prior to embarkation.
6. The animals shall never have been fed with feed prepared using ruminant protein, whether locally manufactured or imported.
7. The animals shall be transported under conditions laid down in the latest edition of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code and International Air/Sea Transport Association (IATA) regulations.
8. Bedding accompanying the animals during transport shall be new, clean, and unused, free from contaminants, and shall not pose a biosecurity risk.

8. Veterinary Health Certification

Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original International Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country, which shall attest that the pigs comply with all requirements contained in this protocol.

9. Inspection on Arrival


All consignments shall be subject to inspection by Animal Quarantine Officers at the port of entry. Non-compliant consignments will be re-exported or destroyed at the importer’s expense.

10. Suspension of Imports

The Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH), Sri Lanka reserves the right to suspend, revoke, or amend pre-import approvals, or prohibit the importation **of the commodity covered under this protocol** from the exporting country or zone at any time, particularly where there is evidence of an outbreak or an increased risk of any infectious or transboundary animal disease that may pose a threat to animal or public health in Sri Lanka.

11. Protocol Amendments

These health requirements may be amended from time to time in accordance with the disease status reported to WOAH and the prevailing animal health situation in the exporting country.


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