

# **REGULATIONS ON IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN IN VIETNAM**

## **1. Requirements for imported products**

- Imported products must be processed by a food business operator (FBO) approved by Vietnamese Competent Authorities to be fully compliant with Vietnamese food hygiene and safety regulations. (*More details at Annex 1*);
- Each consignment of imported products must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by Competent Authorities of the exporting country (unless fish and fishery products captured by foreign fishing vessels, processed at sea and directly sold in Vietnam);
- Imported products shall be further processed or placed on the market in Vietnam only if they are inspected at border inspection posts or bonded warehouses and granted a health certificate.

## **2. Food Hygiene and Safety Inspection to Exporting Countries**

### 2.1. Registration documents

Competent authorities of exporting countries provide the National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department with the registration documents, including:

- List of food business operators registering to export products to Vietnam;
- Information on FHS control system and competencies of FHS Competent Authorities of exporting countries;
- Summary on FHS conditions of the food business operator

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## 2.2. Registration document verification

Within 30 working days of receipt of completed registration document, the National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department, together with the Department of Animal Health verify registration document, inform Competent Authorities of the exporting country of the verification result and inspection plan to the exporting country if necessary.

## 3. Food Hygiene and Safety Inspection to Imported Products in Vietnam

### 3.1. Inspection procedures

1. For products of aquatic animal origin: in compliance with the Decision No.118/2008/QD-BNN of December 11, 2008 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgating the Regulation on the official inspection and certification of food hygiene and safety of fishery commodities; Circular No. 78/2009/TT-BNNPTNT of December 10, 2009 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development regulating inspection and sampling for analysis of aquatic animal products and other relevant regulations.

2. For products of terrestrial animal origin: in compliance with the Decision No. 86/2005/QD-BNN of December 26, 2005 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgating the quarantine forms of animal and animal products and veterinary hygiene inspection; Decision No. 15/2006/QD-BNN of March 8, 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgating the Regulation on the order and procedures of quarantine of animal and animal products and veterinary hygiene inspection; Circular No. 11/2009/TT-BNN of March 4, 2009 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development amending several specific provisions on the order and procedures of quarantine of animal and animal products and veterinary hygiene inspection promulgated by the Decision No. 15/2006/QD-BNN of March 8, 2006 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and other relevant regulations.

## 4. Customs dossiers

The import record is performed as Item 2, Article 12, Circular No. 128/2013/TT-BTC dated on September 10, 2013 by Ministry of Finance, effective since November 01, 2013. The customs dossier comprises:

- 02 original copies of the customs declaration;

- 01 photocopy of the sale contract;
- 01 photocopy of the commercial invoice;
- 01 photocopy of the manifest of goods if the goods consist of multiple categories or inconsistently packaged;
- 01 original copy of the Certificate of Origin (C/O) form D (if imported from ASEAN countries);
- Certificate of food hygiene and safety
- Other required documents of each provincial/city/localities customs.

Beside the customs fees, importers must pay the value-added tax (5-10%) and import duties (0-5%) applied for C/O form D. For example:

- Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code 02.03): 0%
- Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code 0207.13.00): 5%
- Meat of turkeys cuts and offal, fresh or chilled (HS Code 0207.27): 0%

After receiving the valid customs dossiers, the customs branch at border gate will implement customs clearance in accordance with Circular No. 128/2013/TT-BTC.

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*For further information and supports, importers can contact directly National Agro – Forestry – Fisheries Quality Assurance Department or Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, S.R. Vietnam.*

*If do not understand the above-mentioned suggestions, please kindly contact customs branch at border gate where importers plan to declare customs for detail instruction./.*

**Annex 1: Approved List of Thai Pork Meat FBOs for Export to Vietnam**  
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No.	Business name	Approval number	Address	Products registered for export to Vietnam
1	FRESHMEAT PROCESSING CO., LTD.	20	12/2 Moo 2, Tambol Khunkaew, Amphoe Nakhonchaisri, Nakhonpathom 73120, Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork
2	BANGKHLA PIG SLAUGHTERHOUSE	102	163/1 Moo 1, Hua Sai, Bangkhla, Chachoengsao 24110, Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork
3	BETAGRO SAFETY MEAT PACKING CO., LTD	111	215 Moo 1, Praputtabath - Kaosung Rd., Chongsarika, Pattananiikom, Lopburi 15220, Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork
4	BANGKOK FOOD PRODUCTS CO., LTD.	138	26/2 Moo 7, Klongnakornnuangkhet, Muang, Chachoengsao 24000, Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork
5	SAMPRAN SLAUGHTERHOUSE CO., LTD.	170	170 Soypetro 3 m. 6 Thakham Sampran Nakornpathom 73110, Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork
6	CHIN CHAROEN (2004) CO., LTD.	185	140/1 Moo 6, Sam Ngam, Don Tum, Nakhon Patthom 73150, Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork
7	S K INTERFOOD CO., LTD.	188	245 Moo 5, Maingam, Mueang, Tak, 63000 Thailand	Frozen/Chilled pork

*Source: National Agro – Forestry – Fisheries Quality Assurance Department, Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)*