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Additional stipulation on

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

for import of live cattle and its carcass into Kingdom of Thailand

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As World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has defined for the recognition of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) status of member country into 3 categories as followings;

Category 1 : Negligible BSE risk Country

Category 2 : Controlled BSE Risk Country

Category 3 : Undetermined BSE Risk Country

In order to prevent the risk of BSE spreading into the country and prevent any risk from animal movement across the country; with respect to the power of authority under section 4 of Ministerial's regulation regarding import, export and transit of animal and animal carcass into Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2544, Director General of the Department of Livestock Development proclaimed as follows:

1. The following commodities can be allowed as

1.1 Bovine semen or Bovine Embryo from all the 3 categories as defined by the OIE which were collected and handled in accordance with the recommendation of the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS)

1.2 Cattle hides and skins from all the 3 categories as defined by the OIE

1.3 Deboned skeletal muscle meat from slaughtered cattle that:

1.3.1 passed ante and post mortem inspections without detection or suspicion of BSE

1.3.2 were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity or to a pithing process or any other process that brain and spinal cord was damaged.

1.3.3 were not deboned by mechanically separated

1.3.4 has been prepared in manner to avoid contamination with specified risk material (SRM) depending on country's BSE category as follows:

(1) category 1: no specified condition

(2) category 2: tonsils and distal ileum from cattle of all ages and brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cattle aged more than 30 months

(3) category 3: tonsils and distal ileum from cattle of all ages and brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cattle aged more than 12 months

2. The cattle or its carcass which not mentioned in clause 1 were allowed into the Kingdom depending on BSE disease status of exporting country recognized by the OIE as follows:

2.1 Category 1

2.1.1 no specified condition for live cattle except there has been an indigenous case in the country , veterinary certificate must attest that the animal:

(1) are identified by a permanent identification system is such a way as to demonstrate that they are not reared with the BSE cases or born in the same herd

(2) were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat- and- bone meal (MBM) and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforced

2.1.2 Its carcass must pass ante – and post – mortem inspection with no detection or suspect of BSE case except in country where there has been an indigenous country, veterinary certificate must attest that the carcass were derived from live cattle specified in clause 2.1.1

2.2 Category 2

2.2.1 Live cattle must be certified that they:

(1) are identified by a permanent identification system in such a way as to demonstrate that they are not reared with the BSE cases or born in the same herd

(2) were born after the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat- and- bone meal (MBM) and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforced

2.2.2 Its carcass must derive from live cattle specified in clause 2.2.1 and on the process of slaughter as follows:

(1) no detection or suspicion of BSE was found on ante and post mortem inspections

(2) were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity or to a pithing process or any other process that brain and spinal cord was damaged.

(3) has been prepared in manner to avoid contamination with specified risk material (SRM) as follows:

1. tonsils and distal ileum from cattle of all age and brains , eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cattle aged more than 30 months

2. mechanically separated meat from the skull and vertebral column from cattle over 30 months of age

2.3 Category 3

2.3.1 Live cattle must be certified that they:

(1) come from the country that the feeding of ruminants with meat- and – bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants has been banned and the ban has been effective enforced

(2) were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat- and- bone meal (MBM) and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforced at least 2 years

(3) are identified by a permanent identification system in such a way as to demonstrate that they are not reared with the BSE cases or born in the same herd

(4) If there has been a case, all cattle which, during their first year of life, were reared with the BSE case during their first year of life, and which investigation showed consumed the same potentially contaminated feed during that period. If alive in the country, they must be permanently identified, and their movements controlled, and, when slaughtered or at death, are completely destroyed.

2.3.2 Its carcass must derive from live cattle specified in clause 2.3.1 and on the process of slaughter as follows:

(1) no detection or suspicion of BSE was found on ante and post mortem inspections

(2) were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity or to a pithing process or any other process that brain and spinal cord was damaged.

(3) has been prepared in manner to avoid contamination with specified risk material (SRM) as follows:

1. tonsils and distal ileum from cattle of all ages and brain , eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cattle aged more than 12 months

2. mechanically separated meat from the skull and vertebral column from cattle over 12 months of age

3. Specified Risk Material (SRM) were not allowed to bring into the Kingdom depending on country's BSE category as follows:

3.1 Category 2: tonsils and distal ileum from cattle of all ages and brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cattle aged more than 30 months

3.2 Category 3: tonsils and distal ileum from cattle of all ages and brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cattle aged more than 12 months

4. Importer must strictly follow Ministerial's regulation regarding import, export and transit of animal and animal carcass into Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2544 and any other procedure on animal health and sanitary proclaimed by the DLD

5. Provision of all proclamation, rules or order insofar as the conflict with or are contrary to the provision of this proclamation shall be governed hereby

This proclamation has been enforced from 23 April B.E. 2555 onwards

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