

**Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Commerce**

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**ORDER**

**S.R.O. 883(I)/2020.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 (XXXIX of 1950), the Federal Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Import Policy Order, 2016, namely:-

In the aforesaid Order,-

(1) In paragraph 5,-

(a) in sub-paragraph (A), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(iii) import of live animals, i.e. cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats and meat & bone meal (MBM) and feed ingredients of animal origin are banned from countries classified by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) in the latest edition of Terrestrial Animal Health Code as “Controlled Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Risk” and “Undetermined BSE Risk”; and

(b) clause (iv) shall be omitted.

(2) In sub-paragraph (B), after clause (vi), the following new clauses shall be added, namely:-

(vii) Live animals, i.e. cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat and commodities of animal origin are importable from Negligible BSE Risk countries subject to following conditions, namely:-

(a) the country, zone or compartment is classified by OIE in the latest edition of Terrestrial Animal Health Code as “Negligible BSE Risk”; and

(b) the state veterinary authority in the exporting country shall certify that -

(i.) animals being exported were born and raised in the country of origin and no case of BSE has been reported with in last 11 years in the country, zone or compartment.

(ii.) feeding of meat and bone meal and greaves of ruminant origin to ruminant is banned and effectively enforced at least two

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years prior to birth of said categories of animals being exported.

(viii) Live animals other than cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat and commodities of animal origin from "Controlled BSE Risk" and "Undetermined BSE Risk" country are importable subject to the condition contained in sub-clauses (a) and (b)(ii) of clause (vii) and to the certification by veterinary authority in the exporting country to the extent mentioned for respective commodity below:-

- (a) milk, milk products, hides and skin and semen and embryos disregarding the BSE status of the country, zone or compartment;
- (b) gelatin and collagen derived exclusively from hides and skin;
- (c) tallow with maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight and derivatives made from this tallow;
- (d) Di-calcium Phosphate (DCP) with no trace of protein or fat;
- (e) deboned skeletal muscle meat which is not mechanically separated and not contaminated with tonsils and distal ileum of cattle;
- (f) products of ruminant's origin for human consumption not contaminated with tonsils or distal ileum of cattle;
- (g) blood and blood by-product from above said animals which were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas in to cranial cavity, or to pithing process;
- (h) pets (cats, dogs and fancy birds etc) who were not fed with meat, meat and bone meal and greaves derived from BSE infected ruminants and ban is imposed in this regard which is effectively enforced;
- (i) pure fish meal manufactured in manufacturing facility dedicated only for fish meal;
- (j) pet foods which do not contain ruminant derived proteins;
- (k) poultry offal meals, feather meal and poultry cartilage meal manufactured in authorized exclusively for poultry meal manufacturing facility;
- (l) semen and in-vivo derived cattle embryos collected and handled in accordance with the recommendations of the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS);
- (m) poultry's liver and heart derived hydrolyzed protein which is produced at authorized exclusive manufacturing facility;
- (n) non ruminants derived blood and blood by-product (serum, plasma, plasma derived albumin and globulin, antibody, antiserum, blood coagulation factors, red or white blood cells, cell lines, hybridoma, monoclonal antibody, tissue culture, ascetic fluid, hormones, peptides, processed animal proteins in the diagnostic kits) for research and biological preparation for pharmaceutical purpose; and
- (o) pets (dog, cat etc.) whose feeding with meat, bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants is banned and effectively enforced.

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- (ix) Live poultry, day old chicks and other captive live birds (pet, game, wild, exotic and fancy) are importable provided the country, zone or compartment is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza declared in accordance with latest OIE guidelines and the veterinary authority of the exporting country certifies that -
- (a) live poultry and other captive live birds (pet, game, wild, exotic and fancy) were kept in isolation in premises approved by the veterinary services for at least the past 21 days;
  - (b) chicks were derived from parent flocks which had been kept in an avian influenza free country, zone or compartment for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of eggs;
  - (c) chicks were kept in a highly pathogenic avian influenza free country, zone or compartment since they were hatched;
  - (d) live poultry, day old chicks and other captive live birds (pet, game, wild, exotic and fancy) showed no clinical sign of avian influenza on the day of shipment;
  - (e) live poultry, day old chicks and other captive live birds (pet, game, wild, exotic and fancy) were transported in a new or appropriately sanitized containers;
  - (f) information regarding the nature and date of the vaccination if vaccination was employed; and
  - (g) additional conditions if notified in this regard by veterinary authority in Pakistan are met.
- (x) Live poultry, day old chicks and other captive live birds (pet, game, wild, exotic and fancy) are importable from country, zone or compartment which is not free from highly pathogenic avian influenza provided the veterinary authority of the exporting country certifies that -
- (a) conditions as contained under clauses (a) to (g) of sub-paragraph (ix) were met;
  - (b) a statistically valid sample of the live birds was selected in accordance with OIE guidelines and samples were subjected to diagnostic tests recommended by OIE within 14 days prior to shipment demonstrating freedom from avian influenza virus; and
  - (c) in case of chicks, the parent flock birds were subjected to a diagnostic test at the time of the collection of the eggs to demonstrate freedom from highly pathogenic avian influenza virus.
- (xi) Hatching or table eggs or egg commodities provided the country, zone or compartment is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza declared in accordance with latest OIE guidelines and the veterinary authority of the exporting country certifies that -
- (a) eggs derived from parent flocks which had been kept in an avian influenza free country, zone or compartment for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs;

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- eggs if derived from parent flocks maintained in country, zone or compartment which is not free from highly pathogenic Avian influenza, have had their surfaces sanitized in accordance with latest OIE guidelines published in the latest Terrestrial Animal Health Code and agreed in advance by veterinary authority of Pakistan;
- (b) parent flock birds were subjected to a diagnostic test seven days prior to at the time of the collection of the eggs to demonstrate freedom from highly pathogenic avian influenza virus in poultry;
  - (c) eggs were packed & transported in new or appropriately sanitized packaging materials;
  - (d) information regarding the nature and date of the vaccination if vaccination was employed;
  - (e) egg commodity has been processed to ensure the destruction of avian influenza virus in accordance with latest OIE guidelines and the necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the commodity with any source of avian influenza virus; and
  - (f) additional conditions, if notified in this regard by veterinary authority in Pakistan, are met.
- (xii) Poultry semen provided originated from the country, zone or compartment which is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza declared in accordance with latest OIE guidelines and the veterinary authority of the exporting country has certified that –
- (a) semen was derived from semen donor poultry showed no clinical sign of infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses on the day of semen collection and they were kept in an avian influenza free country, zone or compartment for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of semen collection;
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- semen derived from semen donor poultry maintained in country, zone or compartment which is not free from highly pathogenic avian influenza provided the semen donor poultry were kept in isolation approved by the veterinary services for at least 21 days prior to semen collection and they were tested within 14 days prior to semen collection with negative HPAI infection.
- (xiii) Fresh meat or products from poultry are importable from the country, zone or compartment which is free from highly pathogenic avian influenza declared in accordance with latest OIE guidelines and the veterinary authority of the exporting country certifies that -
- (a) entire consignment of fresh meat or product thereof comes from poultry which have been kept in a country, zone or compartment free from infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses since they were hatched but not less than 21 days;
  - (b) birds have been slaughtered in an approved abattoir in a country, zone or compartment free from infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses in poultry and have been subjected to ante and post-mortem inspections in accordance with OIE guidelines and have been found free of any signs suggestive of avian influenza;

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- (c) products from fresh meat from poultry has been processed to ensure the destruction of avian influenza virus in accordance with OIE guidelines and the necessary precautions were taken to avoid contact of the commodity with any source of avian influenza virus;
- (d) products of poultry origin including but not limited to feather meal and poultry meal intended for use in animal feeding, or for agricultural or industrial use were processed in an avian influenza free country, zone or compartment from poultry which were kept in an avian influenza free country, zone or compartment from the time they were hatched until the time of slaughter and were subjected to treatment and precaution measures agreed in advance with veterinary authority in Pakistan; and
- (e) entire consignment of fresh poultry meat or poultry meat products being imported are accompanied by a Halal certificate from a Halal agency accredited and approved by Pakistan Halal Authority”.

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