

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Trader Notice MH 2/2014**

To: Meat Industry Operators

Subject: Export of fresh meat/meat products of bovine origin to Lebanon

The Department has reached agreement with Lebanese veterinary authorities on the wording of a veterinary health certificate for the export of fresh meat/meat products of bovine origin from Ireland to Lebanon. The new certificate applies to fresh beef and beef products.

The text of the new certificate is attached at Appendix A.

Eligibility Restrictions

There is a requirement that the meat be derived from animals which came from holdings which were not under any restrictions for sanitary reasons. Any meat establishment wishing to produce meat for export to Lebanon must implement a system to ensure that this requirement is satisfied. Further information will be provided in due course on the procedures to be adopted in order to select, process and export fresh beef and beef products to Lebanon.

Meat Hygiene Section
23rd January 2014

Appendix A

COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS OF BOVINE ORIGIN TO LEBANON

No:

EXPORTING COUNTRY: IRELAND

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I Identification of consignment

(a) Description of the products:.....

(b) Type and number of

packages:.....

(c) Date(s) of slaughter:.....

(d) Date(s) of production:.....

(e) Date(s) of freezing:.....

(f) Expiry

date(s).....

(g) Net and gross weight of consignment:.....kgs (Gross).....kgs

(Net)

(h) Seal number on container:.....

(i) Container number:.....

II Origin of products

(a) * Name, address and official approval number of the slaughterhouse(s):

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(b) * Name, address and official approval number of the cutting premises:

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(c) * Name, address and official approval number of the processing premises:

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(d) * Name, address and official approval number of the cold

store:.....
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III Destination of products

(a) Name and address of exporter:.....
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(b) Name and address of consignee:.....
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(c) Name and address of premises of
despatch:.....
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(d) Means of transportation (Name of ship, flight number, airport/port of
departure):.....
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IV Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that:

- (a) Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is compulsorily notifiable in the European Union. An effective surveillance and monitoring system for BSE is practised in European Member States in line with the current Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Should BSE be suspected, the affected cattle are slaughtered and their carcasses completely destroyed;
- (b) the meat/meat products was/were derived from animals which have been subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection in accordance with EU Regulations in an officially approved slaughterhouse and found free from clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease including BSE;
- (c) cattle from which the meat/meat products are derived 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;
- (d) the meat/meat products does/do not contain Specified Risk Materials (SRM) as recommended in the current OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter on BSE;
- (e) the meat/meat products and/or the packaging thereof bears an identification mark indicating that it/they has/have been obtained, processed, packaged, labelled and stored in an officially

approved establishment in accordance with European Union hygiene regulations and is/are fit for human consumption;

- (f) the meat/meat products has/have been stored in an hygienic manner in accordance with European Union hygiene regulations so as to prevent contamination with agents known to cause infectious disease of humans or animals;
- (g) European Union approved slaughterhouses/meat establishments are subjected to monitoring under the national residue monitoring plan for veterinary medicinal products, antiparasitic agents, heavy metal contaminants, beta-agonists and substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestogenic action; on this basis, the meat/meat products does/do not contain levels exceeding the permitted limits, including the radioactivity limits;
- (h) the transport vehicles or containers and the loading conditions of this consignment meet the conditions laid down in European Union hygiene regulations;

*** (j) IN THE CASE OF FRESH MEAT ONLY**

the meat was derived from animals which, at the time of their slaughter, were resident in, a country or zone which was free of foot and mouth disease and rinderpest in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

*** (k) IN THE CASE OF MEAT PRODUCTS ONLY**

- i. the meat products were derived from animals which, at the time of their slaughter, were resident in, a country or zone which was free of *foot and mouth disease and *rinderpest in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

AND

- ii. the meat products have been subjected to a treatment which ensures the destruction of the **foot and mouth disease virus and/or ** rinderpest virus as recommended in the relevant OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter. Details of the treatment are as follows:

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- (l) the country of origin has put in place a Cattle Tracing System (CTS) for identification of all cattle, their registration and their movements from birth to death, allowing to trace back the dam and herd of origin;
- (m) the use of mammalian protein (except from milk and milk products) is forbidden for feeding ruminants, and this measure is effectively enforced in accordance with EU legislation since 1st January 2001;
- (n) the use of anabolic or hormonal growth promoters is forbidden for feeding ruminants and mammals in accordance with Council Directive 96/22/EC
- (n) meat/meat products were derived from animals originating in Ireland or which have been imported into Ireland in accordance with the provision of European community legislation from the following country or countries.....

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- (o) meat/meat products were derived from animals which came from holdings which were not under official restrictions for sanitary reasons.
 - (p) meat/meat products were derived from animals that were not destroyed under a national disease eradication programme

*** Delete if not applicable**

**** Indicate disease(s) deleted in the preceding paragraph from which the country/zone was not free and for which a specified treatment is required to destroy the virus.**

Official Stamp

Signed

Official Veterinarian

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Name in block letters

Date

Address

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