

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**  
**Trader Notice: MH 18/2016**  
**To: Meat Industry Operators**  
**Subject: Export of sheepmeat to Iran**

This is to inform you that agreement has been reached with the veterinary authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran on the wording of a veterinary health certificate for the export of sheepmeat from Ireland to Iran. This follows on from the Department's participation in a trade mission to Iran earlier this year.

**Eligibility**

The agreement covers sheepmeat derived from healthy lambs and hoggets aged less than 18 months and slaughtered in an establishment approved by this Department and which is monitored by an official veterinarian of this Department. The text of the agreed certificate is shown in Annex 1 below.

**Role of the Food Business Operator**

If plant management wish to supply the Iranian market, they must advise the Veterinary Inspector in advance and draw up a Standard Operating Procedure, in consultation with the Veterinary Inspector.

The SOP must set out how the FBO will produce sheepmeat which meets the criteria for certification and the measures the FBO will take to ensure the criteria are met.

**Additional requirements**

There may be additional conditions to be met by any operator supplying the Iranian market which do not form part of the veterinary health certificate as they are considered to be purely commercial conditions and outside the scope of the veterinary health certificate. Any prospective exporters are advised to acquaint themselves with these additional conditions, on which more information may be obtained from the Iranian Veterinary Organisation.

Certificates printed on the special security stationery may be requested by certifying officers through the usual channels.

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17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## Annex 1

Certificate number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sanitary Certificate for Meat for Human Consumption to Iran

Exporting Country: Ireland

Competent Authority: Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine

Name and address of Consignor:

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Name and Address of Consignee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Place and country of destination:

\_\_\_\_\_

Means of transport: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of loading: \_\_\_\_\_ Port of discharge:

\_\_\_\_\_

Item	No & kinds of packages	Description of product	Net weight
	Packages in total	Total weight	

Species: SHEEP\_\_\_\_\_

Identification marks: \_\_\_\_\_

Container number: \_\_\_\_\_ Seal number: \_\_\_\_\_

Slaughter house(s) (name, address and approval number):

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Processing premises (name, address & approval number):

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I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that the production, preparation, preservation and transportation of exported frozen sheep meat to Iran (lamb or hogget) was in accordance with the Council Directive 2002/99/EC and Regulations No. 178/2002 EC, 852/2004 EC, 853/2004 EC and 854/2004 EC. I further certify that the products:

- a. were processed in establishments operating in accordance with Irish and European law and regulation therein;
- b. were processed in accordance with Irish and European regulatory requirements for items intended for human consumption;
- c. were derived from animals aged less than 18 months which have passed ante - and post-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter;
- d. were derived from animals originating in Ireland or in other countries approved for export to Iran and slaughtered in Ireland;
- e. were derived from meat that has been subject to monitoring in accordance with the National Residue Control programme;
- f. based on monitoring under the National Residue Control Programme, were derived from animals that have not been treated with hormonal growth promotants;
- g. were not derived from animals removed as part of a disease eradication programme;
- h. were derived from animals which showed no clinical evidence of epidemic, infectious, parasitic or zoonotic diseases recognised by the OIE as significant in the trade of this meat; and that
- i. The feeding of ruminant protein (except milk) to ruminants is prohibited in Ireland and Europe.

Official Information

Done at: \_\_\_\_\_

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Seal      Signature of Official Veterinarian, Irish

Government

On: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp

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Name, title & qualification