

The Draft Amendment of Article 8-1 of the “Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Animals and Animal Products”

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Article 8-1

To import straw and forage for animal consumption, one needs to comply with the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Straw and Forage for Animal Feed" listed in Appendix 5. Only then, such importation will be allowed.

Appendix 5

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Straw and Forage for Animal Feed (Draft amendments)

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Article 1

1.1 "Straw and Forage for Animal Feed" refers to plant products such as grass or hay provided as food for animal consumption and are categorized through the following Codes of the Standard Classification of Commodities of the Republic of China (C.C.C.Code),

1.1.1 1214.10.00.00-8 "Lucerne (Alfalfa) meal and pellets"

1.1.2 1214.90.00.90-2 "Vegetable materials for forage, n.e.s."

1.1.3 2308.00.00.00-5 "Vegetable materials and vegetable waste, vegetable residues and byproducts, whether or not in the form of pellets, of a kind used in animal feeding, not elsewhere specified or included"

Article 2

The exporting country (zone) shall be recognized as free from foot and mouth disease and African swine fever by the central competent authority of this country.

Article 3

The straw and forage for animal feed for importation shall not contain the visible contaminants of feces, blood scab or others which poses risk of disease transmission.

Article 4

- 4.1 While being shipped, the straw and forage for animal feed shall be in closed container. If the shipment needs to be transshipped through a third country (zone) during the transport process, it shall comply with the requirements of the “Rules of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container”.
- 4.2 The straw and forage for animal feed which do not comply with Article 4.1 will be returned or destroyed.

Article 5

- 5.1 To import the straw and forage for animal feed, an original certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country shall accompany each consignment and application for the objects subject to quarantine when arriving at ports or stations of the competent authority. The certificate shall state the following in Chinese or English:
- 5.1.1 Name and address of consigner/exporter and consignee/importer.
 - 5.1.2 Name of products, number of packages, and weight.
 - 5.1.3 Container and seal numbers.
 - 5.1.4 Date, place, the authority that issued the certificate and its official stamp; and the name and signature of the officer.