

ZOOSANITARY INSPECTORATE: EXPORT AND IMPORT PROTOCOLS

1.0 Preamble

Animal diseases move across international borders as a result of livestock movement. The WTO's Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) measures came into effect on January 1st 1995 and the WTO was established on 1st January 1995. The objective of SPS agreement is to facilitate trade while safeguarding human, animal and plant health. Under SPS agreement, OIE is mandated to set standards in animal health. The key provision of the SPS agreement is Transparency. Trade in livestock and livestock products require an efficient veterinary system in compliance to WTO/OIE and sub-regional (EAC/SADC) sanitary requirements. Measures for the control and eradication of animal diseases that have been put in place have enabled Tanzania to be an eligible trade partner in livestock and livestock products. The country was declared Rinderpest free by OIE in 2005. The minimum sets of conditions required to facilitate trade (import/export) of live animals/birds and their products are detailed below.

Some of the conditions are subject to amendment or cancellation by the Director of Veterinary Services or other competent authorities (Boards, TFDA) at any time and without prior notice being given.

1.1 Export Procedures

1.1.1 Live Animals (Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Camels, Horses, Dogs, Cats)

- The exporter should apply and register to the Registrar of Tanzania Meat Board as meat industry stakeholder for his identification as player in the industry (if first time in business)
- The exporter should apply for export clearance certificate attaching importing country's requirements.

- Applications for Export permit shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services attaching import requirements from importing country.

Exporter shall ensure that:-

- Animal are held in a quarantine facility or on a farm under close supervision of a Registered Veterinarian for a period specified in the import requirements
- Animal are certified to be clinically healthy (at a time of export) by a registered veterinarian
- Animals will be shipped or tracked subject to the conditions prescribed by the importing Country

1.2. Live birds (Wild birds)

Applications for Export permit shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services attaching import requirements from importing Country

- Exporter shall ensure that:- Birds are held in a Registered quarantine facility by Veterinary Council of Tanzania(VCT) under close supervision of a registered veterinarian for a period specified in the import requirement/ for time not less than 30 days
- While under quarantine, 10% of the flock size destined for export is tested by a certified Laboratory against New castle, Avian Influenza and other diseases as will be required by importing Country.
- Birds are certified to be clinically healthy (at a time of export) by a registered veterinarian
- Birds are shipped/air freighted subject to the conditions prescribed by the importing Country.

1.3 Meat and Meat products

- The prospective exporter should apply for stakeholder registration to the Registrar: Tanzania Meat Board (section 17 of the Meat Industry Act Cap 421).
- The Exporter should apply to the Director of Veterinary Services and Register, Tanzania Meat Board for export permit /clearance certificate respectively

- The application for export permit /export clearance certificate should be accompanied with the following documents:
 - Veterinary health certificate from exporting country
 - An Invoice
 - Certificate for safety and quality compliance for products
 - Certificate of origin from the exporting country (TCCIA)
- A clearance certificate from Tanzania Meat Board
- The Director of Veterinary Services shall in turn issue a Veterinary import certificate.

1.4 Hides and Skins and wet blue leather

Applications for Export permit shall be made to the National Hides and Skins Verification committee. This is an independent committee charged with receiving, scrutinizing the authenticity and recommending issuance of hides and skins grading certificate and veterinary health certificate that are vital documents for hides and skins shipment outside the country. The committee is chaired by the Director of Animal Production and Marketing in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development.

All hides and skins exporters must:

- be an incorporated company(registered) in Tanzania
- Have an export business license issued by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Marketing
- Holder of Tax Identification Number(TIN) as proof of being a tax payer
- Have a valid export premises license issued by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development
- Fumigation certificate
- For each shipment the exporter must have invoices showing FOB prices per square ft in case of semi/processed leather. For raw hides FOB prices should be shown per kilogram of hides or per dozen in case of raw sheep and goats skins. This should also show Name,

address and of a company or a person in the importing country. The invoices should specify the following: types of goods, quantity, port of exit and entry

1.5 Livestock by products (Horns, Skin trims and Hooves)

Applications for Export permit shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services attaching import requirements from importing Country

Exporter should provide the following documents

- A registered company
- Export business license issued by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Marketing
- Valid export premises license
- Fumigation certificate
- Import permit from importing country specifying types of goods, quantity, means of transport, port of exit and entry

1.2 Import Procedures

1.2.1 Live Animals (Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Pigs, Camels, Dogs, Cats, Horses)

- Applications for import permit shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services indicating the source (Farm/Ranch), quantity, type, breed, colour, age, sex, history of vaccination, point of exit and entry and country of origin of animals.
- Before shipment, animal should be sprayed against pest; vaccinated against specified list of diseases and should accompany with Veterinary health certificate dully signed by a Competent Authority
- Upon arrival animals should be transported to a quarantine station or approved holding ground and held for a specified period.
- A movement permit for the release of the animals from the quarantine facility should be issued by the Director of Veterinary Services

1.2.2 Meat and Meat Products

- The prospective meat and meat product importer should apply for stakeholder registration to the Registrar: Tanzania Meat Board (section 17 of the Meat Industry Act Cap 421).
- Prospective importers should apply for clearance certificate to the Registrar: Tanzania Meat Board and import permit to the Director of Veterinary Services
- The application for import permit should be accompanied with the following documents:
 - Veterinary health certificate from exporting Country
 - An Invoice from exporting company
 - Certificate for safety and quality compliance for products
 - Premise registration certificate from competent authority (TFDA)
 - Certificate of origin from the exporting Country
 - Point of exit and entry of the products including mode of shipment(sea or air or road) and final destination of the product
 - A clearance certificate from Tanzania Meat Board
 - The Director of Veterinary Services shall in turn issue a Veterinary import certificate.

1.2.3 Milk and Milk Products

- Applications for import permit shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services specifying Quantity and Country of origin.
 - The application for import permit should be accompanied with the following documents:
 - Veterinary health certificate from exporting Country detailing date of inspection, means of transportation(air, sea or road), point of exit and point of final destination
 - An Invoice from exporting company
 - Certificate for safety and quality compliance for products
 - Premise registration certificate from competent authority (TFDA)
 - Certificate of origin from the exporting Country
 - A clearance certificate from Tanzania Dairy Board
 - The Director of Veterinary Services shall in turn issue a Veterinary import certificate.

1.2.4 Poultry and Poultry Products (Breeder/parent DOC, hatching eggs)

Applications for import permit shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services

The prospective importers should submit the following documents;

- Veterinary health certificate from exporting Country
- An invoice specifying quantity, breeds, country of origin, means of transportation, Point of entry, Name and address of the importer
- Veterinary import certificate shall be issued subject to prescribed conditions