

Animal health requirements for poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan from Austria

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Animal health requirements for meat, gizzard, heart, liver and their products derived from chicken, quail, pheasant, emu, ostrich, guinea fowl, turkey and birds classified into order Anseriformes (such as duck and goose) to be exported to Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the exported poultry meat") are applied as follows:

1 Conditions for the area of origin

- (1) Fowl plague (infection with avian influenza A virus subtype H5 and H7 (regardless of their pathogenicity) or highly pathogenicity strains of other avian influenza A virus subtypes, same as hereinafter), Newcastle disease and fowl cholera are designated as a notifiable disease in Austria.
- (2) Austria has been free from fowl plague for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported poultry meat etc.
- (3) The area in which the exported poultry meat originates (at least within the radius of 50 km from the premises of origin) has been free from Newcastle disease, fowl cholera and other poultry diseases which the government authorities of Austria recognize as serious, for at least 90 days before shipment of the exported poultry meat etc.

2 Conditions for processing

- (1) The exported poultry meat processing plant shall be authorized by the government authorities of Austria as the one in which sanitary inspections of the exported poultry meat are performed routinely by the government veterinarian inspector or veterinarian appointed by the government authorities of Austria (hereinafter referred to as "the inspector") in order to assure necessary sanitary measures are taken.
- (2) The exported poultry meat shall be originated from the poultry that are found healthy as a consequence of the ante- and post-mortem inspections conducted by the inspector mentioned in item 2-(1).
- (3) The heads, trachea and viscera (excluding the gizzard, the heart and the liver) shall be removed as possible from the exported poultry meat in the course of processing.
- (4) The each container of the exported poultry meat shall be made from sanitary or new materials and shall have on the surface of the container 'Inspection Passed' mark authorized by the inspector for export and both name and the number of the authorized processing plant on it. The government authorities of Austria shall inform the Japanese animal health authorities of the mark and the name, address, registration number of the authorized processing plant in advance.

3 Condition for storage

The exported poultry meat shall be stored in safe and sanitary condition from an animal health point of view, until shipment to Japan.

4 The certificate issued by the government authorities of Austria

The government authorities of Austria shall be responsible for issuing on inspection certificate for the exported poultry meat to Japan, stating the following items in detail in English:

- (1) Each requirements of items 1, 2-(1) and 2-(2).
- (2) In case an exporting country is not the country of origin of the exported poultry meat, an original or a copy inspection certificate issued by the government authorities of the country of origin satisfying all the conditions stated above shall be attached to the inspection certificate issued by the government authorities of an exporting country.
- (3) Name, address and registration number of the exported poultry meat processing plant (in case slaughtering, processing and storage, etc. have not been done at the same designated facilities, each of the facilities at which the exported poultry meat to Japan have been handled shall be described on the certificate.)

Additional Animal Health Requirements for country of origin of poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan

1. Requirements for country of origin

(1) “Country of origin” means country or region where raw materials of the poultry meat etc. to be exported to Japan were produced.

(2) Country of origin must be on the list of the countries and regions which are recognized as free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) by the competent authority of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the third free countries”). Please refer to the latest list of the third free countries from the following URL:

<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/news/third-free.html>