

The Procedures of the Import Risk Analysis for Animals and Products of Animal Origin

1. Review of the possibility of permitting import of the said item;
 - (1) A government agency of a foreign country (hereinafter referred to as the "exporting country") that desires to export an item subject to quarantine inspection for the first time to Korea from that country shall request the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to grant an import permit and shall provide information on the proposed quarantine items for importation and on the contagious diseases status of major animals within the territory of the exporting country.
 - (2) Korea conducts preliminary assessment based on the information provided by the exporting country and such as that obtained from the OIE website.
2. Sending a questionnaire on animal health to the exporting country;
 - (1) If Korean government determined to proceed with the import risk analysis in accordance, a questionnaire on animal health will be sent to the exporting country
3. Review of the written response to the livestock health questionnaire;
 - (1) The Korean government assesses the possibility of disease introduction associated with the importation of a commodity, and evaluates necessary quarantine measures to reduce risk, etc.
 - (2) If it is deemed necessary to supplement the information, the Korean government may request from the exporting country the additional information required.
4. On-site investigation of the health status in the exporting country;
 - (1) The Korean government conducts on-site inspection on the state of animal health to verify the information provided by the requesting country and to check if the evaluation so far was appropriate.
 - (2) QIA writes the risk assessment report after conducting release assessment, exposure assessment, consequence assessment and risk estimation.
5. Decision made on lifting the ban;
 - (1) The Korean government decides whether to lift the ban or not, based on the comprehensive evaluation including the result of reviewing the answer and on-site inspection.
6. Consultation with the exporting country on finalizing the import health requirements for animals or livestock products;
 - (1) The Korean government consults with the requesting country on the Draft of the animal health requirements for animal and animal products to be imported from the requesting country into Korea. The Draft of animal health requirements includes the animal disease free condition, test methods, certification content and other requirements which should be met for exporting a commodity to Korea and aim at guaranteeing the safety in case of allowing the import.
7. Enactment and notification of the import health requirements; and
 - (1) To review the response from the public on the Draft of animal health requirements, the Draft should be notified in advance in the Korean Official Gazette for a certain period of time, and the final Animal Health Requirements will be enacted by being published in Korean Official Gazette or being posted on MAF website.

8. Approval of export establishment and consultation on finalizing the quarantine certificate form.
 - (1) The Korean government approves the export establishments such as slaughter house and processing plants for the import of the products of animal origin through on-site inspection or other ways of examination after receiving the approval request.
 - (2) The Korean government consults with the requesting country about the format of an animal health certificate based on the "Animal Health Requirements".