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Report Highlights:

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MOT 59 includes three attachments which list the products allowed for import and stipulates the modalities under which meat and animal products can be imported. Changes in these lists are reflected the MOA 34 as well as other existing regulations. They are:

- Attachment I: Animals and Products of Animal Origin for Which Export is Limited.
This attachment is the same as Attachment I of MOT regulation 37/2016. The list of Indonesian export controls is thus unchanged.
- Attachment II: Bovine and Products of Bovine Origin for Which Import is Limited.
This attachment is based on attachment I of MOA regulation 34/2016, but adds the live bovine animals listed under attachment III of MOT regulation 37/2016. The attachment "eligible for import" list thus includes offals (liver, hearts, lungs), an expanded list of additional prime and secondary cuts, and live bovines.
- Attachment III: Non-bovine and Products of Non-bovine Origin, and Processed Products of Animal Origin for Which Import is Limited.
This attachment is based on attachment II of MOA regulation 34/2016, but adds live non-bovine animals (equine, buffalo, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit, and birds (quail and pigeon), and processed products of animal origin (milk and its derivatives, fresh and processed eggs, honey, and ruminant semen). These categories were previously covered in attachment IV of MOT regulation 37/2016.

All products listed in attachments II and III are eligible to be imported by registered importers. Post notes however, that no import licenses are issued by the government for poultry products, despite listing poultry as eligible. The Government of Indonesia (GOI) (via state-owned trading companies) additionally reserves the exclusive right to import bovine meat from countries with an elevated risk of spreading zoonotic diseases in order to help maintain market prices. This measure will most likely apply to Indian buffalo meat imports. India was recently permitted market access to Indonesia, despite the presence of foot and mouth disease in the country.