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## Thai New Regulation on Import Procedures for Feed

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 25, 2019, Thailand's Department of Livestock Development (DLD) endorsed an official regulation titled "Procedures for Importation of Animal Feed Derived from Animal and Animal Products". Effective immediately, this regulation governs the procedures for market access of animal feed derived from animals and animal products.

## **Executive Summary:**

Thailand notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) regarding its proposed draft of the regulation on import procedures for animal feed derived from animals and animal products on January 18, 2018 (G/SPS/N/THA/244) (Attachment I).

On January 25, 2019, Thailand's Department of Livestock Development (DLD) endorsed "Procedures for Importation of Animal Feed Derived from Animal and Animal Products," an official regulation dictating import policy (Attachment II).

A summary of the updated procedure are as follows:

1. The Competent Authority (National Veterinary Authority) of the exporting country must send an official letter requesting market access for the import of animal feed derived from animal and animal products to Director General of DLD.
2. The request is considered by the Committee on Market Access of Animals and Animal Products.
3. After consideration by the committee, DLD sends questionnaires for the assessment of animal health and public health controls as well as feed quality controls to the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
4. The Competent Authority of the exporting country completes the questionnaires and returns them to DLD for further consideration by the Committee on Food Safety and Risk Assessment.
5. The onsite inspection is conducted upon the completion of the pre-onsite questionnaire by the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
6. After the onsite inspection mission, the DLD audit team submits their audit report to the Committee on Food Safety and Risk Assessment on Livestock Products for evaluation.
7. If the result of the evaluation is satisfactory, DLD will send the animal health requirements to the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
8. The Competent Authority of the exporting country sends a draft health certificate, to be approved by DLD, in compliance with Thailand's import requirement.
9. Thailand's DLD circulates the list of approved establishments and eligible models of veterinary health certificates to relevant animal quarantine stations, the National Veterinary Authority of the exporting country, and the public.
10. The importer must register any product that falls into a specifically controlled category and submit an import permit request to DLD.

The above procedures apply to any product entering the Thai market for the first time. They also apply to products already in the market, for which the exporting country requests a production system audit approach.

DLD applies less restrictive import procedures for any products already in the Thai market, granted that the exporting country agrees with an individual facility audit approach.

Attachment I



G/SPS/N/THA/244

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> THAILAND <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> -
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Animal Feed and processed animal proteins (HS codes: 2301 etc.)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Draft DLD procedures, B.E. ..., entitled "Procedures to approve for import live animal feed into the Kingdom of Thailand". <b>Language(s):</b> Thai. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/THA/18_0208_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/THA/18_0208_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The DLD is proposing the procedures on market access for import of animal feed which have been issued under the Animal Feed Quality Control Act B.E. 2558 (2015). The brief details of procedures are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Competent Authority (National Veterinary Authority) of exporting country shall send an official letter on market access for import of animal feed to Director General of DLD.</li><li>2. The request will be considered by the committee on market access of animals and animal products.</li><li>3. After consideration by the committee, DLD will send questionnaires for assessment of animal health and public health controls as well as feed quality controls of the exporting country.</li><li>4. The National Veterinary Authority of exporting country shall complete the questionnaires and return it back to DLD for further consideration by the scientific committee on food safety and risk assessment of animals and animal products.</li><li>5. The onsite inspection mission will be conducted once the pre-onsite questionnaire is completed by the Competent Authority of exporting country.</li><li>6. After the onsite inspection mission, the DLD audit team will submit the report to the committee for evaluation.</li><li>7. If the result of evaluation is satisfied, DLD will send the animal health requirement to the Competent Authority of exporting country.</li><li>8. The Competent Authority of exporting country shall send a draft health certificate in compliance with the import requirement to be approved by DLD.</li><li>9. DLD will circulate the list of approved establishments and eligible model of veterinary health certificate to concerned animal quarantine stations, National Veterinary Authority of exporting country, and the public.</li></ol>

	10. The Thai importer shall register and request for import permit to DLD.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): OIE - Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2017: Section 5.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Animal Feed Quality Control Act B.E. 2558 (2015) (available in Thai and English)
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the date after being notified in the Official Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 March 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4024 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 +(662) 561 4088 E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Website: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Thailand SPS Enquiry Point E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com</p>

## Attachment II

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### **Department of Livestock Development's Notification on Procedures for Importation of Animal Feed Derived from Animals into the Kingdom of Thailand B.E 2562 (A.D. 2019)**

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Goal: To ensure the successful importation of animal feed derived from animals, while preventing the spread of animal diseases into the country, which could negatively impact animal husbandry and population health.

By the authorization granted by Section 32 paragraph 2 of the Government Administration Act, B.E. 2534 (A.D. 1991), amended by the Government Administration Act (No. 5), B.E. 2545 (A.D. 2002), the Director General of the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) made the following announcement:

1. In the case of importing animal feed derived from animals from countries that have not previously exported to Thailand:
  - (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) or Competent Authority of the exporting country must submit an official letter of request to the Division of International Livestock Cooperation (DILC), which has been appointed the Secretary of the Market Access Committee. The letter must contain details indicating the specific type of animal feed, origin of the animals, and must be addressed to the Director General of DLD who will receive the letter through DILC in the following manner:

Director General  
Department of Livestock Development  
69/1 Phyathai Road  
Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400  
E-mail: [dg@dld.go.th](mailto:dg@dld.go.th)
  - The Division of International Livestock Cooperation will then forward the request to the Market Access Committee for review.
  - (2) The Market Access Committee will provide directions and recommendations for importing the requested item/product. This process, coordinated by the Market Access Committee's Secretary and responsible offices, entails:
    - a) Notifying stakeholders and/or;
    - b) Organizing a meeting to discuss with stakeholders and/or;
    - c) Posting on the DLD's website and/or;
    - d) Fact finding to support the review.
  - (3) If no issues are raised in the Market Access Committee's review, the department sends (to the exporting country) a questionnaire used to evaluate the veterinary services, the control of animal diseases, and the control of feed quality.

- (4) The Competent Authority or responsible veterinary service agency in the exporting country must complete the questionnaire and send it to DLD to be reviewed by the Committee on Food Safety and Risk Assessment on Livestock Products.
- a) If the questionnaire is thoroughly completed, the department will notify the Competent Authority in the exporting country of the results of the review. The notification will also include a request that the exporting country provide a list of production sites (processing plants) that are willing to export to Thailand. The production site list is utilized in order to arrange a visit to conduct an audit in the exporting country. This notification will be sent by the Secretary of the Market Access Committee.
  - b) If the committee needs additional information, the department will follow up with the Competent Authority in the exporting country until the questionnaire is thoroughly completed. Identical to step (a), the department will then notify the Competent Authority in the exporting country of the review results. The notification will also include a request that the exporting country provide a list of production sites (processing plants) that are willing to export to Thailand.
- (5) The department appoints an audit team to conduct an audit of the production sites in the exporting country. The scope of the audit will cover risk assessment, production systems, and monitoring systems adopted by both the government and the private sector. An exporting country is also subject to fulfill a pre-onsite questionnaire prior to the travel of the audit team.
- (6) The steps of an audit report:
- a) The audit team prepares a fact finding report including a request for additional information and comments for improvement. The report is presented to the department and the exporting country is informed;
  - b) The audit team prepares a report on an audit result and presents it to the Committee on Food Safety and Risk Assessment on Livestock Products.
  - c) The audit team prepares a final report (in Thai) including additional information and areas of improvement, which is then presented to the Market Access Committee's Secretary to forward to the department.
- (7) If the production site is approved, the Competent Authority will prepare a draft of the Import Requirements and propose it to the department for consideration:
- a) The producer must conduct discussions with stakeholders in regards to the import requirement through:
    - Notifying stakeholders and/or;
    - Organizing meetings with stakeholders and/or;
    - Through the department's website
  - b) The Market Access Committee reviews the Import Requirements. If approved, then the Market Access Committee's Secretary will propose it to the department for consideration and final approval.

- c) If the Market Access Committee disapproves or has additional questions, the Competent Authority (for item/product importation) revises the Import Requirement to comply with the Market Access Committee's comments and then proposes it back to the Market Access Committee for review subsequent meeting (a scope of revision is a case-by-case basis depending on pending issues).
  - d) The department then notifies the exporting country to provide draft Health Certificate statements, a list of authorized officials, a sample of authorized officials' (in the certificate) signatures, and a draft format Health Certificate and an official stamp or draft Electronic Health Certificate for the department's review.
    - 1) If the proposed Health Certificate complies with the Import Requirement, then the department will notify the exporting country of acceptance of the proposed draft Health Certificate as a format for issuance of the Health Certificate for exportation of the item/product to Thailand;
    - 2) If the Health Certificate needs to be revised, then the department will notify the exporting country of its comments of recommendation, or of its request for additional technical information. This process will persist until the proposed Health Certificate is agreed upon, at which point the department will officially inform the exporting country of its approval.
  - e) After the aforementioned steps are completed, the department will notify the relevant animal quarantine stations of the list of production sites that are eligible to export of specific items/products into Thailand, including a sample of the approved Health Certificate. In addition, a list of eligible countries, production sites, and item/product types will be notified to the public via the DLD website.
  - f) Any importer who wants to import controlled animal feed derived from animals, shall apply for an import permit and a license and shall import the said controlled animal feed only after such a license has been granted.
2. In the case of importing animal feed derived from animals from countries that have been previously imported:
- (1) Import from additional individual facilities
    - a) The Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) or Competent Authority of the exporting country must submit an official letter of request to the Division of International Livestock Cooperation (DILC), which has been appointed the Secretary of the Market Access Committee. The letter must contain details indicating the specific type of animal feed, origin of the animals, and must be addressed to the

Director General of DLD who will receive the letter through DILC in the following manner:

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The Division of International Livestock Cooperation will forward a request to the Competent Authority for review.

- b) The department then sends a pre-on-site questionnaire for the exporting country to fulfill prior to the travel of the audit team.
- c) The scope of the audit will cover risk assessment, production systems, and monitoring systems adopted by both the government and the private sector. The exporting country is also subject to fulfill a pre-on-site questionnaire prior to the travel of the audit team.
- d) If the production site is approved, the Competent Authority will prepare a draft of the Import Requirements and propose it to the department for consideration and approval.
- e) The department then notifies the exporting country to provide draft Health Certificate statements, a list of authorized officials, a sample of the authorized official's (in the certificate) signature, and a draft format Health Certificate and official stamp or draft Electronic Health Certificate for the department review.
  - 1) If the proposed Health Certificate complies with the Import Requirement, then the department will notify the exporting country of its acceptance of the proposed draft Health Certificate as a format for the issuance of the Health Certificate for exportation of the item/product to Thailand;
  - 2) If the Health Certificate needs to be revised, then the department will notify the exporting country of its comments of recommendation, or of its request for additional technical information. This process will persist until the proposed Health Certificate is agreed upon, at which point the department will officially inform the exporting country of its approval.
- f) After the aforementioned steps are completed, the department will notify the relevant animal quarantine stations the list of production sites that are eligible to export specific items/products into Thailand, including a sample of the approved Health Certificate. In addition, a list of eligible countries, production sites, and item/product types will be notified to the public via the DLD website
- g) Any importer who wants to import controlled animal feed derived from animals, shall apply for an import permit and a license and

shall import the said controlled animal feed only after such a license has been granted.

- (2) For importation as a system (system audit approval), DLD shall follow the procedure of countries importing animal feed derived from animals for the first time.
3. The types of animal feed derived from animals in this procedure are determined under DLD's specific Notifications.

Notify on 28 January B.E. 2562 (A.D. 2019)

Sorravis Thaneto  
Director General

**End of Report.**