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Report Highlights:

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General information:

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This report includes the *unofficial* translation of the code of procedures N05 issued by the Moroccan food safety authority (ONSSA) for the importation of animal meal to be used for preparation for feed for cats and dogs' food.

	Code of Procedure N: 05 National Food Safety Office	Date: March 29, 2024 Code: CP 05/DCP/24 Version: A
Code of Procedure for the Importation of Animal Meal Used as Raw Materials for the Preparation of Dog and Cat Food		
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I. Subject:

This Code of Procedure specifies the import conditions for animal meals to be used as raw materials for the exclusive preparation of dog and cat food by establishments **authorized exclusively for this purpose** by the ONSSA which also specifies the risk management procedures related to the import and use of these animal meals by the establishments in question.

II. Scope:

This Code of Procedure applies to animal meals imported for use exclusively as raw materials in the preparation of dog and cat food. These animal meals are subject to the controls of the Control and Quality of Tangier -Casablanca or Agadir under the Regional Directorates of ONSSA.

III- Conditions of authorization for establishments preparing food for dogs and cats:

The conditions of authorization of an establishment for the preparation of food for dogs and cats are specified at the **level of Annex 3**. This establishment, **individualized**, may be attached to another registered/authorized establishment dedicated to the preparation of feed other than those intended for dogs and cats.

IV- Prerequisites:

IV.1. Prior Assessment:

Before any import operation of the said animal meal, the ONSSA shall first take the following measures:

- A preliminary assessment of the country of origin by a technical committee designated by the Director General of the ONSSA Committee, including the conditions for the production and certification of animal meals by the health authority of that country.
- The authorization of the country or countries open to the import of animal meal into Morocco if the establishment or establishments admitted exporting such products.
- A model health certificate setting out the conditions for importing animal meals from the country concerned.

The list of countries and establishments authorized to export animal meals to Morocco is published on the ONSSA website.

IV. 2. Filing of Record:

The operators of an establishment authorized by the ONSSA for the exclusive manufacture of food for dogs and cats wishing to import the animal meal, must file their import application at the level of the Regional Directorate concerned of ONSSA.

For the first import, the import request file must include the following documents:

- A written request duly completed and signed by the applicant (**Appendix 1**).
- A self-monitoring program, based on risk analysis, to monitor the nature of the animal species in the feed manufactured by the establishment in question.
- A technical sheet describing the method of manufacture of dog and cat food and specifying the rate of incorporation of animal meals. The incorporation rate must be respected by the manufacturer.
- A detailed procedure for managing the traceability of imported animal meal.
- A recall plans.
- Undertaking of the operator specifying that imported animal meals will be transferred directly from the entry PIF to its authorized dog and cat food production establishment (**Annex 1**) by ONSSA and that they will be used exclusively for the preparation of dog and cat food.

For subsequent imports, in addition to the demand, the dossier must be completed by:

- A detailed traceability situation relating to the use of the animal meals imported previously (Annex 2).

The processing of this request remains dependent on the control report drawn up by the Veterinary Service of the location of the establishment in question **within 15 days of the filing of the request.**

IV-3. Processing the request:

After examination of the file at the level of the Regional Directorate of the ONSSA concerned, the file is sent to the ONSSA Centrale (DCPA), accompanied by the opinion of the Regional Director-ONSSA.

The authorization to import animal meals will be issued by the General Directorate of ONSSA after fulfilment of the conditions listed **in Chapter IV**, specifying the quantity to be imported, the country of origin, the production establishment in the country of origin and the model health certificate to accompany animal meal. Once signed, this authorization is transmitted to the DR ONSSA concerned for delivery to the operator.

If one of the above conditions is not fulfilled, the operator will be informed by DR ONSSA of the actions to be taken to satisfy his request.

V- Risk management modalities for the import of animal meals

To avoid any use of imported animal meal, the following management measures will be implemented by the veterinary services concerned:

- a- The establishments producing food for dogs and cats concerned will be subject to enhanced control by the veterinary service of the establishment's location.
- b- A health control plan based on risk analysis (according to the HACCP approach) and a specific traceability procedure for imported animal meal must be set up by the operators concerned and must be subject to prior validation by the veterinary service concerned.

V-1. Import control:

Beforehand to the control at the border inspection post level, the importer or its representative must file a file with the single window of the Directorate of Control and Quality of the place of importation.

This file must include:

- Copy of the DUM or DO.
- Copy of the commercial invoice.
- Copy of packing list.
- Copy of the transport document (bill of lading, air waybill, CMR, etc.).
- The health certificate duly signed by the official veterinarians under the competent health authority of the country of origin.
- Copy of the establishment's health authorization for the exclusive preparation of food for dogs and cats, issued by ONSSA.
- The import authorization of animal flours issued by ONSSA.

The veterinary health control on import comprises four successive stages: documentary, identity, physical and analytical control.

- *Document Control:*

This is a systematic control step which consists of checking the content, form and concordance of the documents of the import files mentioned in **point V-1**.

- *Identity Verification:*

The purpose is to check the discrepancy between the elements identifying the product and the health documents accompanying it.

- *Verification of seals:*

The seals must be intact and affixed to the means of transport and the references of the seal must be shown on the health certificates of import of the products.

- *Physical control:*

The purpose is to verify the conformity of the batches of imported products, inter alia, the internal control of a representative sample of those batches.

- *Analytical Control:*

Sampling for analytical investigations if necessary. The costs of analysis shall be borne by the importer.

Review Decision:

When the results of the health check are satisfactory, the veterinarian responsible for the control at the DCQ issues the certificate of admission of the imported lot.

When the result of the import inspection is found to be non-compliant, the veterinarian in charge of the inspection shall notify the operator or his representative of the certificate of non-admission of the consignment.

imported specifying the non-conformities identified and applying the procedures in force on the follow-up to be reserved for the batch.

After each admission, the DCQ concerned shall inform, without delay, the DR-ONSSA concerned by the import in particular, the name and address of the importer, the establishment of production concerned and the tonnage imported.

V-2. Establishment Control:

The institution concerned is regularly monitored by the ONSSA Veteran Service. To this end , the operators concerned shall make available to the inspectors of the ONSSA all documentation relating to the traceability of imported animal meal. Such inspectors may take samples.

V-3. Sanctions:

It should be recalled that the operators authorized to import animal meal are responsible for using such meal only for the exclusive manufacture **of dog and cat food and** only for the needs of their institutions.

In the event of a finding by the officers of the Veteran Services of the ONSSA of non-compliance with the conditions of use of animal meals, the authorization of the establishment will be immediately **withdrawn.**

ANNEXES

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATION FOR IMPORT OF ANIMAL MEAL INTENDED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DOG FOOD AND COMMITMENT OF THE OPERATOR

I, the undersigned (first name) :
Establishment: Authorization No.:
Address: Province: County:
Rural commune Village
Fax: Phone:
Email:

Requests import of animal meal:

Quantity to import. :
Country of origin :
Establishment of origin :
Border Entry Inspection Post :

Declares on the honor:

- The animal flours for this import application are intended **exclusively for the establishment** producing dog and cat food mentioned above.
- Imported animal meal shall not be transferred to any other establishment or person.
- I **will send monthly** , to the Veterinary Service of of which my authorized establishment is responsible, a statement broken down by type of product, of the quantities of dog and cat food produced where these animal meals were incorporated, in accordance with **Annex 2 of the Code of Procedures for the import of animal meal used as raw material for the exclusive preparation of dog and cat food.**

Done on Date

Applicant's signature

APPENDIX 3

CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS

FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOG FOOD SET CATS

Every application for a health authorization for food establishments for dogs and cats must be accompanied by a dossier consisting of the following documents and documents:

I- Administrative portion of authorization package:

1) Applicant Identification:

- For natural persons: Copy of the applicant's national identity card or registration or residence card.
- For legal entities:
 - Copy of the national identity card or the registration or residence card of the person in charge of the administrative file and copy of the document justifying the powers it has for this purpose.
 - Copy of the articles of association of the institution or undertaking.
 - Copy of the certificate of registration in the commercial register.

1) Room Identification:

- Copy of the building permit relating to the local subject of the request.
- A document proving the address of the premises for which the request is made.

II- Technical part of the authorization application file:

- 1) A site plan (Scale 1/1000) and an overall plan of the premises subject to the request (Scale 1/100 to 1/300) specifying its location, location, boundaries, layout and sizing of workspaces and storage areas, the supply of drinking water and the disposal of wastewater, the location of premises for use by staff and sanitary facilities, and equipment and water points. These plans must indicate the flow of products, the movement of personnel and the waste disposal circuits.
- 2) A data sheet that:
 - a) indicates the nature of the activity.
 - b) describes the site and its servicing.
 - c) gives the total area and covered area of the premises concerned.
 - d) describes from a health point of view the premises, the equipment and equipment used and the operating conditions.
 - e) mentions the category of the products and their commercial name.
 - f) lists the raw materials and ingredients with their description and origin.
 - g) lists packaging and packaging materials.
 - h) shows detailed production diagrams.
 - i) gives the expected production (daily and/or annual) and storage capacities.
 - j) if applicable, the means of transport used.
- 3) A manual describing the establishment or company's self-monitoring program based on the principles of the risk analysis system and critical control points in accordance with NM 08.0.002 (HACCP).

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