

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)

CORRIGENDUM

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***S.O. 10(E).**— In the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) number S.O. 1842(E) dated 29th December, 2005 published at pages 1 to 17 of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), dated 29th December, 2005, at page 12, lines 1 to 33, read

for “(g) “laboratory” means any laboratory approved and notified by the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture for testing the products;

(h) “pet food product of animal origin” means any food containing all kinds of edible ingredient from animal origin from nutritional point of view used for feeding the dog or cat and covered under the ITC-HS Code 2309.10.00 relating to dog or cat food put up for retail sale;

(i) “port of entry” means any sea port, airport or land border check post or any other port as specified by the Central Government notification in the Official Gazette, from time to time;

(j) “regulated article” means any article, the import of which is regulated by this Order;

(k) “Risk Analysis Committee” means the committee of experts functioning under the chairmanship of the Animal Husbandry Commissioner of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture;

(l) “sanitary conditions” means the conditions laid down by the Risk Analysis Committee after conducting the risk analysis for the specified product;

(m) “Sanitary Import Permit” means an official document authorizing importation of a consignment in accordance with specified sanitary requirements;

(n) “Schedule” means a schedule appended to this Order.

3. General conditions for Import of pet food product of animal origin - Any pet food product of animal origin shall be permitted by the Central Government to be imported into India subject to the following conditions, namely:-

(i) No consignment of pet food product of animal origin shall be imported into India without a valid sanitary import permit issued under sub-clause (iv).

(ii) All applications for grant of permit to import consignments of pet food product of animal origin by land, air or sea shall be sent in five copies in Form A or Form B, whichever is relevant, at least one month in advance to the Designated Competent Authority and the application for the import of each item shall be made separately in Form A or B, as the case may be, in the manner laid down in this Order.

(iii) The sanitary import permit shall be issued for import of pet food product of animal origin if, after a detailed import risk analysis, the concerned authorities are satisfied that the import of the consignment shall not adversely affect the health of the animal or human beings or both in India.”

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(iv) The import of the products shall be allowed against a Sanitary Import Permit to be issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries subject to the sanitary conditions as specified in Schedule I on the basis of Import Risk Analysis.

(v) The issue of permit may be refused or withheld by the issuing authority after giving a reasonable notice to the applicant to represent against and for reasons to be recorded in writing.

(vi) The import permit shall lay down the specific sanitary conditions as specified in Schedule I to be fulfilled on the basis of import permit.

(vii) The import of the pet food product of animal origin shall be prohibited from the countries as specified in Schedule II.

(viii) The permit shall also specify the post-import requirements with regard to quarantine inspections, sampling and testing.

(ix) The import permit issued under this clause shall be valid for a period of six months.

(x) The import permit shall not be transferable and no amendment to the import permit shall be issued except for those changes for which reasons are recorded in writing and subject to the approval of the Central Government.

(xi) Pet food product of animal origin shall be imported into India through the land, seaports or airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata or Chennai or any other place as may be specified by the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette.

4. Inspection and testing of Pet food product of animal origin – (1) On arrival at the entry point, the consignment of pet food product of animal origin shall be inspected by the Officer-in-charge of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services Station or any other veterinary officer duly authorized by the Government of India in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, wherever required, in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in the sanitary import permit and the general guidelines issued by that Department from time to time.

(2) The applicant shall be liable to get the consignment tested by a laboratory as may be approved by the designated Competent Authority.

(3) After inspection and testing, wherever required, the concerned Quarantine or veterinary authority shall accord quarantine clearance for the entry of the pet food product of animal origin into India or, if required in public interest, order its destruction or its return to the country of origin.

(4) Wherever disinfection or any other treatment is considered necessary in respect of pet food product of animal origin, the importer shall, on his own or at his cost through an

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