

Import of Beef, Mutton, Lamb meat, Pork and Meat by-products into Sri Lanka could be allowed subject to the following conditions:

1. The relevant application should be accompanied by a microbiological test report (parameters to be included **Total aerobic plate count, E.coli, Staphylococcus aureus** and **Salmonella species** according to the MRI Standards) to satisfy that the particular consignment is fit for human consumption.
 2. Importer should submit an **International Veterinary Health Certificate (IVHC)** certified by relevant **Government Veterinary authority** with the following additional declaration for quarantine inspection.
IVHC;http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/International_Standard_Setting/docs/pdf/A_IMPORT_HEALTH_MEASURES_1.pdf)
- Imports of **ruminant meat and meat items** are allowed only from countries free from **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)** and OIE Negligible Risk category countries for the disease **Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)**.
 - Imports of **small ruminant meat and meat items** are allowed only from countries free from **Peste des petits ruminants** in addition.
 - Exporting country to be especially free from **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)**, **African swine fever (ASF)** and **Classical Swine fever** for swine products and by-products.
 - The finish products imported to Sri Lanka is not contaminated with potential source of **BSE agent** and **FMD virus**.
 - The product has been processed in an establishment registered with the Government Veterinary Authority in the exporting country for export purposes and subject to **ante mortem** and **post mortem** inspections and found to be free from any disease and **fit for human consumption**.
3. **Original** Bacteriological test report of the relevant consignment with the **batch number** to be produced to the **AQO** at the **port of entry**.
 4. **Dates of Production** and the **Expiry date, Name, address** and the **registration no** of the **Processing Establishment** and the **Batch No.** should be visibly indicated in **boxes/packages.all the variety of meat should be arranged in the container that could be examined easily at time of inspection.**
 5. The consignment should not be tampered at the transshipment (country of origin of the meat and the exporting country should be same) and original **container number** and the **seal number** should be **intact** from the port of departure up to the port of entry in Sri Lanka.
 6. **Food safety certificates** (Eg.ISO 22000, HACCP) should be submitted for the establishment to register the establishment in the department of Animal Production and Health

7. **Originals of all supporting documents should be furnished at the time of inspection to the Animal Quarantine Officer and the consignment will be subjected to a quarantine surveillance.**
8. **Samples** will be drawn by **Animal Quarantine Officers** and send to **MRI** and if necessary to **VRI**
(Approved analyst Food Act no: 26 of 1980) to confirm suitability of the product for human consumption.
9. If the product is not fit for human consumption, recommendation will not be given to release the consignment.