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Procedure and Veterinary health requirements for importation of Table Eggs into Sri Lanka

1. Procedure

1.1 Importation of table eggs into Sri Lanka is subjected to prior approval from the Director General, the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH). This is a requirement under section 21 of the Animal Diseases Act No.59 of 1992, in order to ensure that there is no danger of introducing any diseases into the country, **Veterinary Health requirements given below (1 to X) has to be fulfilled .**

1.2 Prior notification should be given by the importer to DG/DAPH on the intended imports stating, the country of origin, the proposed date of import, the name, address, registered number of the export establishment by the Veterinary Authority in the exporting country and quantity and the packages.

1.3 The prescribed documents which has to be submitted by the importer are (a) Application (b) Invoice (c) a veterinary health certificate issued by the government authority of the exporting country certifying that the consignment conforms the Veterinary Health requirements .

1.4 On arrival, Originals of all the supporting documents should be furnished at the time of inspection to the Animal Quarantine Officer and the consignment will be subjected to a quarantine inspection.

1.5 The samples will be drawn for testing during quarantine surveillance and microbiological tests will be done at Medical Research Institute, If found suitable for human consumption, the consignment will be released for usage.

1.6 It is recommended to manage the cold chain throughout the supply chain by the suppliers and importers.

2. Veterinary Health requirements

- I. High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Disease should be a notifiable disease in the country of export
- II. The country has been free from High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) for the past six (06) months prior to export

*****For countries resolved after HPAI outbreak(s), for resumption of trade, the following condition must be met: The country has been free from HPAI for past six months following a stamping out policy in accordance with article 10.4.6 of OIE terrestrial Animal Health Code.**

- III. The eggs are unfertilized and derived from layer flocks kept in a farm accredited/registered for the export purpose of eggs by the State Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.
- IV. The farm where the eggs originate has been tested and found to be free from salmonella species including *Salmonella enteritidis*, and **no case of Velogenic New castle Disease** has been diagnosed on the farm for the last six (06) months prior to export.
- V. The eggs have a fully developed shell and were cleaned, fresh and fit for human consumption
- VI. The eggs have been handled and packed in appropriately sanitized packaging materials and containers in a hygienic manner
- VII. Additives and / or coloring matters injurious to health have not been added.
- VIII. Eggs exported from each farm shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within 7days of export
- IX. If eggs are transported in reefer containers, the temperature must be maintained throughout such that the products would arrive in sanitary and fresh condition.
- X. The eggs must be labeled with unique identifier code, issued by the exporting countries' competent authority to identify the producing farm.

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