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Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

To: Refer to the addressee

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Subject: Informing about the establishment of the "Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef" as MIFAFF notification

1. We inform you that the "Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef" has been established and notified as the attachment in accordance with the provisions in Article 34.2 of Act on the Prevention of Animal Contagious Disease, for your reference.

2. We would appreciate if Animal, Plant and Fisheries Quarantine and Inspection Agency proceeded for follow-up measures such as export establishment approval and discussion of sanitary certificate format with the Chilean government.

Attachment: 1 copy of the Notification, Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef.

Minister of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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This is an unofficial translation of the draft Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef into English. Korean text has legal force and that the English translation is strictly for reference.

Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef

These requirements apply to the beef exported from Chile to the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "Korea").

Definitions

1. Definitions of the terms used in the import health requirements are as follows:

(1) "Cattle" means domesticated bovine animals (*Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus*) that were born and raised in Chile.

(2) "Beef" means edible parts of carcass (from which the skin, head, developed mammary glands and the feet at the carpal and tarsal joints have been removed and the carcass has been eviscerated and split), meat (the muscle that is on the skeleton), offal, and other edible parts (excluding processed beef products).

(3) "BSE" means Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

(4) "Meat establishments" means slaughterhouses, processing plants and storage facilities that produce and store beef for export to Korea.

General Requirements

2. Prior to the loading of the beef:

(a) Chile has been free of BSE, and has been free of foot-and-mouth disease for the past 12 months, and has been free of rinderpest and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for the past 24 months, and has been free of lumpy skin disease for the past 3 years, and has been free of Rift Valley fever for the past 4 years; and

(b) Vaccination has not been carried out against the aforementioned diseases. Notwithstanding the above, in the event that the Korean government acknowledges that the Chilean government is conducting an effective stamping-out policy against the specific disease, the required period for recognizing Chile as being free of that disease might be shortened in accordance with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines after Korea conducts a risk analysis.

3. In the event of a disease set out in article 2 occurs in Chile, the Chilean government must immediately suspend the exportation of beef to Korea and provide the Korean government with pertinent information. Chilean government shall consult with the Korean government in advance when it wishes to resume the export of beef to Korea.

4. The Chilean government must continuously maintain measures to effectively detect and prevent the introduction and spread of BSE, including feed ban and surveillance program in accordance with the laws and regulations of Chile. The Chilean government must inform the Korean government of any introduction, repeal or amendment of any BSE-related measures or regulations in advance.

Requirements for Meat Establishments

5. Meat establishments (slaughterhouses, processing plants and storage facilities) shall be designated by the Chilean government as being eligible for producing beef for export to Korea, and such meat establishments shall be notified to the Korean government in advance, and approved by the Korean government through an on-site inspection or other means.

6. The Meat establishment must have and operate an individual animal identification (source farm and age verification) program for slaughter cattle and meat traceability program. The meat establishments must also have and implement an SSOP (Sanitation Standard Operating Procedure) and HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) plans. The meat establishment must not handle or process cloven-hoofed animals or products thereof from (or transited) countries which are not allowed to export those animals or products thereof to Korea at the time when the meat establishment preparing or processing beef for export to Korea.

7. Chilean government must operate regular monitoring and auditing program for meat establishments that produce beef for export to Korea to ensure they comply with this "Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef" and Chilean regulations. There shall not be any non-compliance in the regular sanitary audits conducted by the Chilean government, and Chilean government should make the results of those audits available upon requests to Korean government. In the event of non-compliance against the import health requirements has been found as a result, the Chilean government shall immediately suspend the exportation of beef to Korea, and provide the Korean government with reasons and relevant information regarding the matter. Only when the Chilean government determines that the corrective actions are adequate will production be allowed to resume. After completion of the corrective actions by the relevant establishment, the Chilean government will inform this to the Korean government.

8. The Korean government can conduct on-site inspection and investigate the original records of the establishment that produces beef for export to Korea, and can take measures including suspension of the exportation of beef from the establishment concerned or revocation of export approval if non-compliance with this "Import Health Requirements for Chilean Beef" is found. When the Chilean government informs the Korean government of the completion of the corrective actions for the non-compliance of the relevant establishment, the Korean government confirms whether the corrective actions were taken appropriately through on-site inspection or other means. When the Korean government determines that the results of corrective actions are adequate, the Korean government can lift the said suspension or revocation.

Requirements for Beef

9. The beef for export must be derived from cattle that were slaughtered in meat establishments which are approved by

the Korean government and that passed ante- and post-mortem inspection conducted by the resident veterinarian from the Chilean government.

10. The beef for export shall be derived from cattle that were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity or to a pithing process.

11. The beef for export must not contain residues (radioactivity, synthetic antibiotic substances, antibiotic substances, heavy metals, pesticides, hormones, etc.) posing a public health hazard and pathogenic microorganisms in quantities exceeding the tolerance levels established by the Korean government and when the beef for export is treated with ionizing radiation, ultraviolet rays and tenderizer it must follow the Korean regulation.

12. The beef for export must be packaged with clean and sanitary material. The packing materials for beef must bear a health mark showing the beef passed the inspection, ensuring that the beef was handled in such a way that does not cause any hazard against public health. Korean government must have been informed of the type of the health mark in advance.

13. Production, storage and transportation of the beef for export must be handled in such a manner as to prevent contamination by communicable animal disease pathogens.

14. Refrigerator or cold storage rooms on a vessel (aircraft) or container that transports the beef must be sealed by using the seal of the Chilean government or the Chilean government-authorized seal. The official veterinarian of the Chilean government must verify this and issue a health certificate.

15. The Chilean government must issue the export health certificate that contains the following information prior to shipment of beef and submit it to the quarantine authority of the Korean government.

(1) Requirements described in the article 2, 6, 9, 10 and 13 above.

(2) Name of the product (including species), number of packages, and weight (N/W) listed by each final processing plant

(3) Name, address and approval numbers of the slaughterhouse, processing plant and storage facility

(4) Slaughtering period and/or processing period

(5) Container number and seal number

(6) Name of the vessel (aircraft), date of shipment, name of shipping port and destination

(7) Addresses and names of consignor and consignee

(8) Date of issue of the health certificate, and name and signature of issuer, and the organization to which he/she belongs.

16. In case of non-compliance against these import health requirements during quarantine inspection of beef for export conducted by the Korean government, the Korean government can take measures such as follows:

(1) The Korean government may return the beef for export to their origin or destroy them if any violation against the

health requirements of Korea is found.

(2) In case that residues designated by Korean government are detected during quarantine inspection, the Korean government can take a measure to suspend quarantine inspection on the imported beef from Chile or export from the establishment concerned. In case of suspension of quarantine inspection, if Korean government, after receiving information from the Chilean government, determines that the beef for export does not pose a public health hazard to its people, it will lift quarantine suspension measure, and in the case of suspension of export from the establishment concerned the Korean government can lift export restriction through on-site inspection or other means after it is informed by the Chilean government that the corrective actions for the establishment concerned are completed.

Addendum < No. 2012-71, July 04, 2012 >

1. (effective date) This notification will go into effect on the date of its notification.
2. (review deadline) Pursuant to 'Regulations for the Issuance and Management of Directives, Established Rules, etc.' (Presidential Decree No. 248), the deadline is set at July 03, 2015 for taking necessary measures such as abolishing or revising this Notification based on a review of the Act and its subordinate statutes or of changes in actual circumstances, etc., after this Notification takes effect.