

GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MEAT AND FISH AUTHORITY
ALIVE CATTLES FOR BUTCHERY IMPORTATION TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

A) COUNTRIES SUBJECT TO ALIVE CATTLES FOR BUTCHERY IMPORTATION :

1- USA (Except Texas, Alabama and Washington States), Brasil (Except Parana region), Uruguay, Argentina (Except Corrientes and Misiones regions), Chili, New Zealand and Australia, Mexico, Iceland, Norway, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary, Finland (Except Northern Ostrobothnia region), Sweden (Except Vastmanland region), Greece (Except Kilikis, Pella, Thessaloniki, Serres and Voreio regions), Austria (Scharding, Bregenz, Hallein, Gmünd, Salzburg-Umgebung, Perg, Lienz, St.Veit/Glan (Sankt Veit an der Glan) Kirchberg/krems (Kirchdorf an der Krems), Wiener Neustadt regions) and France. Additionally importation may be conducted from the countries Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock permits.

- Races of alive cattles for butchery subject to importation shall be Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, Belgian Blue, Brown Swiss and Holstein culture race cross-breed. Holstein culture and cross-breed amount should not exceed the 50% of total amount.
- Ages shall be between 12 and 24 months
- Gender shall be male with alive weight minimum 400 kg and Holstein race animals shall be minimum 500 kg.
- Animals shall carry their race features and shall not have any physical defect (at legs, eyes, ears, tails, etc. parts).
- Animals without health inspection and control shall not be accepted for importation.
- Animals shall carry ear tags or chip providing individual recognition.
- Implementation of material application for other purposes such as estrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic or β -agonist should not be implemented other than treatment with stilbene or tyrosinase materials or zootechnic treatments.

2- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- In order to provide Control Certificate: the documents specified in published Official Gazette numbered 24178 and dated 22/09/2000 related to Communiqué numbered 2000/32 About Required Documents for Issuance of Control Document During Importation of Alive Animals and Animal Materials Except Breeding Animals, Official Gazette dated 16/07/2010 and numbered 27643 related to Required Documents for Issuance of Control Document During Importation of Butchery and Livestock Fattening Cattle Type animals and communiqué of Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock numbered 2011/5 published in Official Gazette on date of 29/12/2010 and numbered 27800 (5. Repeated) about Foreign Trade Standardization About Importation of the Products Subject to Audit of Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock.
- In case Access to the country shall be performed more than one customs, a separate control document should be issued for each custom transaction. For this reason the number of the documents shall be issued considering the number of the customs.
- Veterinary Health Certificate required for importation of Butchery Alive animals by TKB Food and Control General Directorate shall be approved by exporting country official veterinary service and be signed by exporting country official Veterinarian.
- Selection report shall be issued by staff assigned by Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock for the animals meeting specified health conditions in three copies and original report shall accompany the shipping.
- If not indicated in Veterinary Health Certificate an analysis report shall be submitted together with Health Certificate showing that butchery alive cattles are free from hormone and antibiotics.

3- TESTS:

- 5% of brain samples provided by random sampling appropriate to its technique immediately after slaughtering the animals should be subject to BSE scanning in an approved laboratory and until the results are received the release of the products to market should not be permitted.
- Samples shall be provided from 0,25% of the animals and be sent to laboratory for antibiotic and hormone search and products shall not be released to markets until the results received.

4- OTHER CONDITIONS:

- **ANIMAL SELECTION AND INTERMEDIARY INSPECTION:** Intermediary commissioned assigned by Meat and Fish Authority shall perform the pre-selection of the imported from exporting countries. Pre-selected animals shall be subject to examination by veterinarians assigned by Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock with regard to required documents for importation of Butchery Alive Cattle and health conditions.
- **TRANSFER:** Intermediary inspection commission assigned by Meat and Authority shall supervise the dispatching of the selected animals to decontaminated transportation vehicles.
- **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES:** Alive butchery cattles brought to combines after waiting 24 hours shall be subject to the inspection of Inspection and Acceptance commission assigned by Administration and appropriate animals shall be accepted by controlling relevant documents.
- **WEIGHING:** Selected animals shall be weighted in the exporting country before shipment supervised by intermediary inspection commission, weighted animals' ear tags shall be listed and a minute shall be issued by common signatures of the authorized personnel of the contractor company and intermediary inspection commission members.

Determination of the weight of live animals subject to payment shall be effectuated by weighing in the place and with the manner deemed suitable by administration by deduction 8% satiety waste from total weight.