



SFDA Decision 123/35

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The chief Executive president of Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA)

After reviewing the charter of SFDA issued upon the Royal Decree No (M/6) dated 25/1/1428(Corresponding to 2/13/2007),

After reviewing the SFDA bylaws underpinned by SFDA Board decision No (7-7-1428) dated 25/7/1429 H (Corresponding to 28/1/2008),

After reviewing the SFDA decision of adopting the process of imposing/lifting a temporary ban related to the import of meat and poultry meat and their products into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and the SFDA decision of adopting the process for approving foreign competent control authorities and establishments interested in exporting meat and poultry meat and their products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA),

And, according to the letter submitted by the vice president for food sector enclosing the opinion of the scientific & technical committee assigned to review the requirements of importing meat from countries having BSE risk status

With the authorities assigned to him,

Hereby decides the following:

First: Beef and beef products derived from animal 30 months of age or less are allowed to be exported to KSA from countries based on their BSE status as specified by the world organization for animal health (OIE), and according to the following requirements:

A. Countries with negligible BSE risk status:

1. Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of animal must be carried out by veterinarian assigned by the competent authority.
2. Assurance that the beef and beef products do not contain and are not contaminated with meat or specific risk material (SRM) originating from cattle over 30 months of age.

B. Countries with controlled BSE risk status:

1. Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of animal must be carried out by veterinarian assigned by the competent authority.

2. Removal of SRM (tonsil and distal ileum).
3. Assurance that the beef and beef products do not contain and are not contaminated with meat or specific risk material (SRM) originating from cattle over 30 months of age.

C. Countries with undetermined BSE risk status:

1. Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of animal must be carried out by veterinarian assigned by the competent authority.
2. The products must not originate from mechanically separated meat from the skull and vertebral column of cattle over 12 months of age.
3. The sensitive parts including the brain, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column must be removed from cattle over 12 months of age.
4. SRM (tonsils and distal ileum) must be removed from slaughtered animals of all ages.
5. Exposed nerves and lymphatic vessels must be removed during cutting meat and deboning.
6. Assurance that the beef and beef products do not contain and are not contaminated with meat or specific risk material (SRM) originating from cattle over 30 months of age.

Second: This decision becomes effective after beef and beef products exporting countries commit to the requirements stated in the process for imposing/lifting a temporary ban related to the import of meat and poultry meat and their products into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and in the process for approving foreign competent control authorities and establishments interested in exporting meat and poultry meat and their products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) which approved by SFDA.

Third: the SFDA food sector shall hereby implement this decision and notify thereof content to the concerned bodies to act accordingly.

Fourth: Any opposing rulings issued previously are hereby superseded by this decision.

May Allah Grant us success..

The Chief Executive President of SFDA

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