

Orders & Notifications

New Delhi, The 30.12.2002

ORDER

S.O.1377 (E) :- Whereas, for the development of the export trade of India, certain proposals for subjecting poultry meat and poultry meat products to quality control inspection and monitoring prior to export, were published as required by Sub-rule (2) of rule 11 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1964 in the official Gazette of India of Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii) dated 1.12.2001 vide Order No.S.O.3259 dated 13.11.2001 of Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce;

And whereas, the objections and suggestions were invited from all persons likely to be affected thereby within a period of thirty days of the date of publication of the said orders in the Official Gazette are made available to the public;

And, where as, the copies of said Gazette were made available to public on 14.12.2001;

And whereas, no suggestions or objections received by the central government;

And whereas, it is necessary to maintain the highest quality standards and stipulate health requirements that would encompass the standards prescribed at National/International level;

And whereas, health requirements should be laid down for the production, storage and transport of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products;

And whereas, in particular, it is important that rules be laid down governing the approval of establishments;

And whereas, it is important also that the health requirements to be met by fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products be laid down;

And whereas, it is the primarily responsibility of the processors to ensure that fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products meet the health requirements laid down in this order;

And whereas, the Competent Authority must by carrying out quality control, inspection and monitoring, to ensure that processors comply with the above mentioned requirements;

And whereas, the rules governing these quality control, inspection and monitoring must take account of the demand of the international market;

And whereas, a random check must be made to detect the presence of residues of substances liable to be harmful to human health;

And whereas, provisions should, therefore, be made for procedure of monitoring to ensure the above conditions of equivalence with reference to the requirements of the importing countries;

And whereas, Central Government nominated Competent Authority to ensure the effective compliance of the quality standards in the country;

And whereas, the Central Government has formulated the order specified below for the said purpose and has forwarded the same to the Export Inspection Council as required by sub-rule (2) of the rule 11 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1964;

- 2 Now, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963, (22 of 1963) the Central Government after consulting the Export Inspection Council being of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient to do so, for development of the export trade of India hereby:
 - a) Notifies that fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products shall be subjected to quality control and inspection prior to export;
 - b) Specifies the type of quality control and inspection in accordance with Export of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products (Quality Control, Inspection and Monitoring) Rules, 2002 set out in the type of Quality Control, Inspection and Monitoring which shall be applicable to such fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products prior to export.
 - c) Recognises the specifications as set out in Schedule appended to this order as the standard specifications for fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products;
 - d) prohibit the export of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products by a unit in the course of international trade unless it conforms to the standards applicable to it and is accompanied by a certificate stating that such unit is approved and monitored by the Export Inspection Agency established or recognised under section 7 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963);
- 3 Nothing in this order shall apply to the export by land or sea or air of bonafide samples of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products to prospective buyers, the value of which shall not exceed permissible limits as laid down in Exim Policy from time to time where no such provisions exist the value limit of free sample(s) shall not exceed Rs.10, 000/-.
- 4 In this order, fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products means poultry meat, including meat which is vacuum-wrapped or wrapped in a controlled atmosphere, which has not undergone any preserving process other than chilling or freezing; and poultry meat products means any poultry meat products further processed by means of drying, curing, smoking, cooking, frying, seasoning, flavouring or by any other method of processing poultry meat akin to any of the above method.

SCHEDULE

Specifications of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products recognised as per Clause (c) of section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection), Act 1963 shall be:

- a) National Standards of the importing countries or International standards laid down by Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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- b) Contractual specifications agreed to between the foreign buyer and the exporters provided the same is satisfying the health and other requirements of the importing country:
- c) In the absence of standards referred to at (a) or (b) above, the National Standard Specifications as notified and amended from time to time.
- d) In case of any fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products for which no standard is available at (a), (b) and (c) above the standard formulated for these products by the Standing Committee of the following members shall be made applicable;
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| 1. Chairman, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, | Chairman |
| 2. Agricultural Marketing Advisor to the Government of India | Member |
| 3. Director of Animal Husbandry, Government of Maharashtra | Member |
| 4. Nominee of Director (Inspection & Quality Control), Export Inspection Council | Member |
| 5. One representative of Ministry of Food Processing Industries | Member |
| 6. One representative of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture. | Member |
| 7. One representative of Venkateshwara Hatcheries Limited. | Member |

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(MVPC Sastry)
Joint Secretary