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- ◎ MFDS holds 2 briefing sessions each year for foreign missions in Korea to enhance knowledge and provide information about our food safety policies.
- ◎ However, please note that this material will replace face-to-face session due to widespread of covid-19.

📎 you may find following materials at our website(www.mfds.go.kr)

* https://www.mfds.go.kr/brd/m_220/list.do



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Revisions of the Special Act

■ Date of the promulgation: April 7 2020

Date of enforcement: July 1 2021

< newly inserted HACCP provision >

- ① Foreign food facilities complying with HACCP in accordance with the 'Food Sanitation Act' can be certified as '**HACCP applied establishments**'.
 - Yet, when different standards are published after consultation with an exporting country, they will also be acknowledged as HACCP standards.
- ② When major changes are made in certification standards, such changes should be certified.
- ③ The period of validity is 3 years and the effective period of validity for ② is remaining period of originally certified standards. Extension is possible within the period of 3 years.
- ④ For the items* prescribed by Ordinance of the Prime minister, only HACCP-certified products are allowed for importation.
 - ⇒ (Items currently under consideration) Kimchi
 - Entry into force on October 1 2021
- ⑤ When necessary, survey and assessment on HACCP compliance will be conducted.
- ⑥ Where the Minister of Food and Drug Safety may entrust affairs such as analysis of hazard for each process or item, certification and research & assessment of the HACCP applied establishments to the agencies prescribed by Presidential Decree including KAHAS.
- ⑦ Followings are prescribed by Ordinance of the Prime minister; requirements & procedure for certification and its changes, procedure to extend the period of validity due to ③, and necessary matters for procedure for survey and assessment of ⑤.

Revisions of Enforcement rule of Special Act

■ Date of the promulgation: March 3 2020

Date of enforcement: March 31 2020

- Those who registered as 'Good Importers' and 'Good Foreign Food Facilities' will change their registered information only when the mixing proportion of raw materials affecting functionality of health functional foods is adjusted.

(Current) Whenever the mixing proportion of raw material or ingredients are changed, such changes shall be registered.

(Revised) Changes are made only when the mixing ratio of raw materials having functionality has changed

- Administrative disposition is mitigated(shortened period of suspension of business*, not putting importers under special management) when information regarding foreign food facilities, location, items produced and their use was falsely reported.

(Current) 1st violation: 2 months of business suspension→ 2nd violation: 4 months of business suspension→3rd violation: revocation of business registration

(Revised) 1st violation: 10 days of business suspension→ 2nd violation: 20 days of business suspension→3rd violation: 1 month of business suspension

- Individual packaging of food and toys of products becomes mandatory* and Period of returning and discarding for non-compliant products is to be clarified**

* Domestically-produced food products should indicate that food and toys are enclosed in different packages(Enforcement regulation of Food Sanitation Act) so the same applies to imported products.

** (Current) MFDS notice→(revised) prescribed in the Enforcement rule of the Special Act

■ **Date of the promulgation: June 3 2020**

Date of enforcement: June 4 2020

- Establishing a new provision disclosing information of foreign manufacturing facilities, which import suspension has been issued/lifted(entry into force on June 4, '20). The scope and period of information disclosure is included in a lower statute.

*(Scope of information disclosure) Name, address, country of manufacture, date of (lifting) import suspension, reasons for (lifting) import suspension

*(Period) From the date of imposing import suspension to 3 months after the date when suspension is lifted

*(Notification) MFDS official website, Imported food information maru (impfood.mfds.go.kr)

Revisions of Enforcement rule under consideration

- Expanding the product scope of alcohol beverages to be acknowledged as the Same Products from the Same Company
(scope) wine ⇒ all alcohol beverages

For processed food imports, products with the same name, manufacturing process, raw materials, and being manufactured from the same facility and country are considered as the Same Products from Same Company. For wine, products with different production year, ageing, or alcohol by volume are acknowledged as the same products from same company.

- Prescribing a period of detailed inspection(2 years) at the border for the products detected with hazardous substances*

*(Reference) MFDS Notice no. 2020-25, Article 13(3), April 22, 2020

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Export health certificates for livestock products allowed for import to Korea

- According to the Special Act (Article 11.5), export health certificates for livestock products (meat and processed products) are to be submitted for import declaration.
- When consulting a draft format of health certificates, refer to Appendix 2.
- And please note that official letters were sent to the relevant countries in June and a prompt response is expected.

Note

- Target countries : **60**

* (reference) Appendix 1

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- Livestock products shall be derived from healthy animals and found to be suitable for human consumption in sanitary examinations conducted by such exporting country's government
- Levels of residues etc. which may cause harm on public health shall comply with standards and specifications prescribed in the Food code
- Information of foreign food facilities (registration number, name, address), date of manufacture, sell-by date)
- Stating applicable heat processing methods

* (MFDS notice Article 5)

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Appendix 1

Countries subject to consultation on export health certificates (60 countries)

Product type		Countries
(No certificates at present)	sterilized meat products, processed egg products, dairy products	India and Japan (2 countries)
	sterilized meat products, dairy products	Singapore, Uruguay, Poland and the Philippines (4 countries)
	processed egg products, dairy products	Mexico and Ukraine (2 countries)
	sterilized meat products	Mongolia, Vietnam, Belarus, Indonesia, Colombia, Thailand, and Paraguay (7 countries)
	processed egg products	Peru (1 country)
	dairy products	South Africa, Denmark, Latvia, Russia, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Slovakia, Arab Emirates, Aruba, Ireland, Ecuador, Israel, China, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Pakistan, Portugal, and Hong Kong (23 countries)
(No certificates at present) dairy products (Complement or add the temp.) sterilized meat·processed egg products	USA. and Canada (2 countries)	
(No certificates at present) processed egg products (Complement or add the temp.) sterilized meat·dairy products	France (1 country)	
(No certificates at present) dairy products (Complement or add the temp.) sterilized meat products	The Netherlands, Belgium, Argentina, UK and Australia (5 countries)	
(Complement or add the temp.)	sterilized meat·dairy products	New Zealand, Germany and Spain (3 countries)
	processed egg·dairy products	Malaysia (1 country)
	sterilized meat products	Chile, Finland and Hungary (3 countries)
	dairy products	Greece, Norway, Switzerland, Italy, Czech Republic and Turkey (6 countries)

General format of export health certificate for livestock products exported to Korea (dairy products)

Health Certificate for Dairy Products
exported to the Republic of Korea from (exporting country)

I. Identification of the Products

1-1. General information

- Certificate No :
- Consignor(name/address) :
- Consignee(name/address) :

Departure port/airport

Entry port/airport

Name of Vessel or Flight

1-2. Product information

- Origin of product(Producer country) :
- Name of product :
- Type of packaging :
- Number of packages/Net weight :
- Transportation/Storage condition : Room temperature Chilled Frozen
- Processing plant :

Est. No :

Name of plant

Address

- ①
②
③
④

- Date of production or processing :
- Shelf life :
- Container No :
- Type of heat treatment : Tick(✓) to applicable box.

1. LTLT : 63 – 65°C for 30minutes(1,800seconds) or equivalent heat treatment
2. LTLT : 65 – 68°C for 30minutes(1,800seconds) or equivalent heat treatment (only to milk creams)
3. LTLT : 68.5°C for 30minutes(1,800seconds) or equivalent heat treatment (only to ice creams and ice cream mix)
4. HTST : 72 – 75°C for 15-20 seconds or equivalent heat treatment
5. HTST : 74 – 76°C for 15-20 seconds or equivalent heat treatment (only to milk creams)
6. UHT : 130 – 150°C for 0.5-5seconds or equivalent heat treatment
7. Other : 2°C or higher for cured cheese cured over 60 days or ___°C for ___seconds(minutes)
8. Countries not recognized as a FMD free country by OIE :
HTST (___°C ___seconds) or UHT (___°C ___seconds)
and if pH of raw milk is 7.0 or higher, 2times of HTST

2. Health Declaration

I (the undersigned veterinary inspector) hereby certify that

1. Slaughtering, manufacture, processing, packing, distribution, handling and storage of the exported livestock products have been performed in compliance with sanitary regulations on livestock products enforced in the Republic of Korea and these products have been handled and shipped to the Republic of Korea in a manner avoiding re-contamination.
2. The exported livestock products were manufactured with raw materials that are derived from animals found to be healthy in testing and examination accredited by the exporting country's government and that are suitable for human consumption.
3. The exported livestock products comply with the relevant criteria of standards and specifications regarding food processing in the Republic of Korea on chemical residues (antimicrobial agents, agricultural chemicals, hormones, heavy metals and radioactive materials) and pathogenic microorganisms (*Salmonella*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli* and others) that cause public health risks.
4. Containers or packaging materials for the exported livestock products comply with sanitary requirements in the Republic of Korea and they are made of materials that are clean and harmless to humans and sterilized products are placed in air tight containers or packages.
5. The exported livestock products are suitably labeled to show the product name, manufacturer and date of manufacture (or sell-by date).

Title _____

Official stamp (optional) Issuer information Name of Government veterinarian(inspector) _____

Date/Signature _____

Name of competent authority or certification body

3. Details of products

No	Processing plant			Name of product	Date of production (processing)	Shelf life	Number of packages	Net weight
	Est.	Name	Address					
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Health Certificate for Processed Egg Products
exported to the Republic of Korea from (exporting country)

1. Identification of the Products

1-1. General information

- Certificate No :
- Consignor (name/address) :
- Consignee (name/address) :

Departure port/airport Entry port/airport Name of Vessel or Flight

1-2. Product information

- Origin of product (Producer country) :
- Name of product :
- Type of packaging :
- Number of packages/Net weight :
- Transportation/Storage condition : Room temperature Chilled Frozen
- Processing plant :

Est. No Name of plant Address

- ⊙
- ⊙
- ⊙
- ⊙

- Date of production or processing :
- Shelf life :
- Container No :
- Type of heat treatment : Tick(v) to applicable box.

<Based on core temperature basis>

1. Whole egg liquid :
64 °C for 2 minutes 30 seconds or equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
2. Liquid white : 55.6°C for 870 seconds or 56.7°C for 232 seconds or
equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
3. Liquid yolk : 62.2°C for 138 seconds or equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
4. Whole egg powder :
60°C for 188 seconds or equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
5. Egg white powder : 67°C for 20 hours or 54.4°C for at least 513 hours or
equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
6. Yolk powder : 63.5°C for 3.5 minutes or equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
7. Heated egg product: 90°C for 20 minutes or equivalent heat treatment ___°C ___seconds(minutes)

2. Health Declaration

I (the undersigned veterinary inspector) hereby certify that	
1.	Slaughtering, manufacture, processing, packing, distribution, handling and storage of the exported livestock products have been performed in compliance with sanitary regulations on livestock products enforced in the Republic of Korea and these products have been handled and shipped to the Republic of Korea in a manner avoiding re-contamination.
2.	The exported livestock products were manufactured with raw materials that are derived from animals found to be healthy in testing and examination accredited by the exporting country's government and that are suitable for human consumption.
3.	The exported livestock products comply with the relevant criteria of standards and specifications regarding food processing in the Republic of Korea on chemical residues (antimicrobial agents, agricultural chemicals, hormones, heavy metals and radioactive materials) and pathogenic microorganisms (<i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli</i> and others) that cause public health risks.
4.	Containers or packaging materials for the exported livestock products comply with sanitary requirements in the Republic of Korea and they are made of materials that are clean and harmless to humans and sterilized products are placed in air tight containers or packages.
5.	The exported livestock products are suitably labeled to show the product name, manufacturer and date of manufacture (or sell-by date).

Title _____

Official stamp (optional) Issuer information Name of Government veterinarian(inspector) _____

Date/Signature _____

Name of competent authority or certification body

3. Details of products

No	Processing plant			Name of product	Date of production (processing)	Shelf life	Number of packages	Net weight
	Est.	Name	Address					
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Health Certificate for Sterilized Meat Products
exported to the Republic of Korea from (exporting country)

I. Identification of the Products

1-1. General information

- Certificate No. :
- Consignor (name/address) :
- Consignee (name/address) :

Departure port/airport	Entry port/airport	Name of Vessel or Flight
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1-2. Product information

- Origin of product (Producer country) :
- Name of product :
- Type of packaging :
- Number of packages/Net weight :
- Processing plant :

Est. No	Name of plant	Address
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- ⊙
- ⊙
- ⊙
- ⊙

- Date of production or processing :
- Shelf life :
- Container No. :
- Type of heat treatment : Tick(v) to applicable box.
 - Heat-sterilized by exposing the product's central internal portion to 120°C for 4minutes or other equivalent method
 - Others : ___°C ___seconds(minutes)
- ※ Processed products derived from beef should satisfy heat treatment requirements(121°C for 15-20minutes, 115°C for 35minutes or equivalent heat treatment method).

2. Health Declaration

<p>I (the undersigned veterinary inspector) hereby certify that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slaughtering, manufacture, processing, packing, distribution, handling and storage of the exported livestock products have been performed in compliance with sanitary regulations on livestock products enforced in the Republic of Korea and these products have been handled and shipped to the Republic of Korea in a manner avoiding re-contamination. 2. The exported livestock products were manufactured with raw materials that are derived from animals found to be healthy in testing and examination accredited by the exporting country's government and that are suitable for human consumption. 3. The exported livestock products comply with the relevant criteria of standards and specifications regarding food processing in the Republic of Korea on chemical residues (antimicrobial agents, agricultural chemicals, hormones, heavy metals and radioactive materials) and pathogenic microorganisms (<i>Salmonella</i>, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>, <i>Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli</i> and others) that cause public health risks. 4. Containers or packaging materials for the exported livestock products comply with sanitary requirements in the Republic of Korea and they are made of materials that are clean and harmless to humans and sterilized products are placed in air tight containers or packages. 5. The exported livestock products are suitably labeled to show the product name, manufacturer and date of manufacture (or sell-by date).
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Title _____

Official stamp (optional) Issuer information Name of Government veterinarian(inspector) _____

Date/Signature _____

Name of competent authority or certification body

3. Details of products

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3 Registration of foreign food facilities

- A person who intends to import food, etc. into Korea or person who establishes and operates a foreign food facility shall register matters such as the name, location of, and items, before he/she files an import declaration.
- In an effort to promote reliability of registration, applications for registration of foreign food facility (letter of consent) or facility certificates (license, registration, declaration, etc.) shall be submitted for registration application.
- And recently, an increase in de-registrations has been witnessed due to conflicting information or fraudulent registration identified through on-site inspections.
 - As certificates for registration (facility licenses) and their contents (items) differ by country, MFDS has faced difficulty in conducting registration of foreign food facilities.
- Therefore, for top 20 countries in the number of registered facilities, MFDS is requesting the competent authority to confirm the national facility registration certificates (license, registration, declaration, etc) and verify the authenticity of certificates registered to MFDS such as certificates for registration.
- And please note that official letters were sent to the relevant countries in May and a prompt response is expected.

Note

- Request a form of national facility license/registration certificate to 20 countries (which stating the title and issuing authority)
 - * China, Japan, the USA, France, Italy, Vietnam, Spain, Thailand, Germany, Taiwan, India, Indonesia, Australia, Russia, the UK, Chile, Canada, Malaysia, the Philippines, Turkey
- Request verification of authenticity of submitted facility registration certificates to 10 countries
 - * China, the US, Italy, Vietnam, Thailand, Germany, Indonesia, Canada, the Philippines, Malaysia,

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**Appendix
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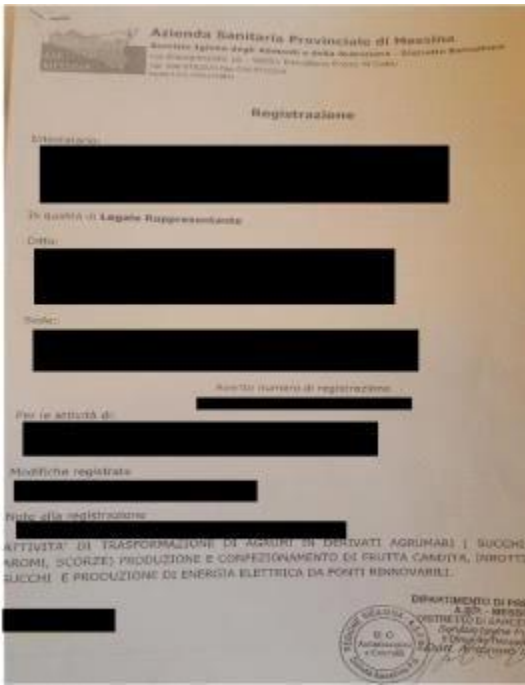

**Registration of foreign food facilities Status
(as of March 31, 2020)**

(Unit: number of facilities)

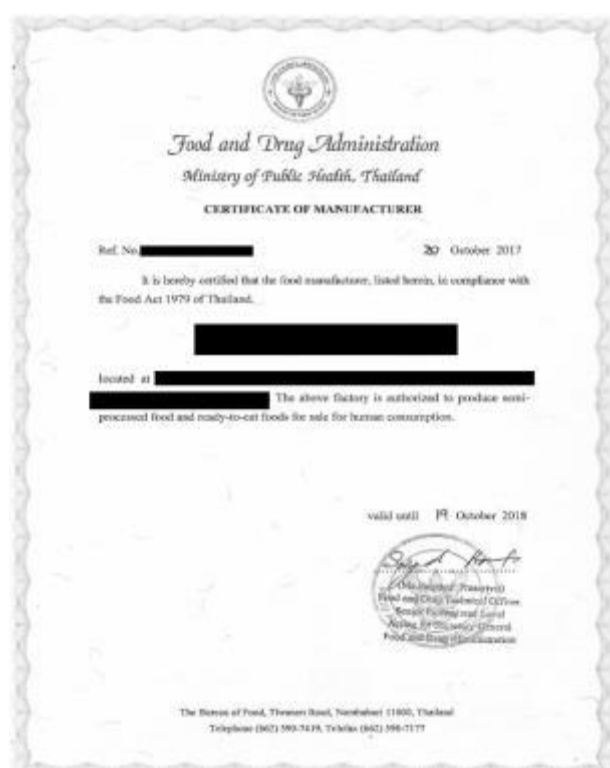
No.	Country	No. of Registration	No.	Country	No. of Registration
	Total	41,575			
1	China	12,508	11	India	674
2	Japan	3,799	12	Indonesia	657
3	the USA	3,447	13	Australia	612
4	France	3,348	14	Russia	564
5	Italy	2,502	15	the UK	513
6	Vietnam	1,231	16	Chile	450
7	Spain	1,218	17	Canada	440
8	Thailand	1,027	18	Malaysia	367
9	Germany	995	19	the Philippines	313
10	Taiwan	979	20	Turkey	309
			21	Others	5,622

Appendix
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Countries subject to the facility authentication
(example)

China	the USA
 <p>对外贸易经营者备案登记表</p> <p>海关注册编号: 03545573</p> <p>统一社会信用代码: 9131010603988816</p> <p>统一社会信用代码: 9131010603988816</p> <p>经营者名称: [REDACTED]</p> <p>经营者类型: [REDACTED]</p> <p>经营范围: [REDACTED]</p> <p>注册地址: [REDACTED]</p> <p>联系电话: [REDACTED]</p> <p>电子邮箱: [REDACTED]</p> <p>工商登记注册号: [REDACTED]</p> <p>海关登记注册号: [REDACTED]</p> <p>备注: [REDACTED]</p> <p>请经营者认真阅读备案的条件, 并由企业法定代表人或个体工商户负责人签字、盖章。</p>	 <p>FDA U.S. Food and Drug Administration Food Facility Registration</p> <p>Section 1: Type of Registration</p> <p>Section 2: Facility Identification Information</p> <p>Section 3: Preferred Mailing Address Information</p>
Certificate for registration as an exporter	Food Facility Registration
Italy	Vietnam
 <p>Azienda Sanitaria Provinciale di Messina</p> <p>Registrazione</p> <p>Attività: DI TRASFORMAZIONE DI FRUTTI IN DERIVATI AGRUMARI E SUCCHI, SUCCHI, SUCCHIE; PRODUZIONE E CONFEZIONAMENTO DI FRUTTA CANTATA, DOROTI, SUCCHI E PRODUZIONE DI ENERGIA ELETTRICA DA FONTI RINNOVABILI.</p>	 <p>CỘNG HÒA XÃ HỘI CHỦ NGHĨA VIỆT NAM Độc lập - Tự do - Hạnh phúc</p> <p>GIẤY CHỨNG NHẬN CƠ SỞ ĐỦ ĐIỀU KIỆN AN TOÀN THỰC PHẨM CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS</p> <p>CƠ QUAN QUẢN LÝ CHẤT LƯỢNG SÔNG LÂM SẢN VÀ THỰC SẢN S. MIỀN BẮC NATIONAL AGENCIES FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (S. REGIONAL) SOUTHERN REGIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE</p> <p>Địa điểm sản xuất: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Địa chỉ: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Địa chỉ liên lạc: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Đã điều kiện an toàn thực phẩm để sản xuất kinh doanh sản phẩm Has been found to be in compliance with food safety regulations for following products:</p> <p>Số cấp Number: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Giấy chứng nhận có hiệu lực từ ngày ký / This certificate is valid for 03 (three) years from date of issue. và thay thế (thời hạn chứng nhận số: 162/2014/QĐ-LC-QĐNN và ngày 10/12/2014) and replace the compliance number: 162/2014/QĐ-LC-QĐNN issued on 10/12/2014</p> <p>TP Hồ Chí Minh, ngày 24 tháng 08 năm 2017 August 24th, 2017</p> <p>Nguyễn Đình Thủy Giám đốc Cơ quan Chất lượng Sản phẩm Director of S. QAS</p>
Certificate for facility registration	Certificate for business declaration (registration)

Thailand



Certificate of Manufacturer

Germany



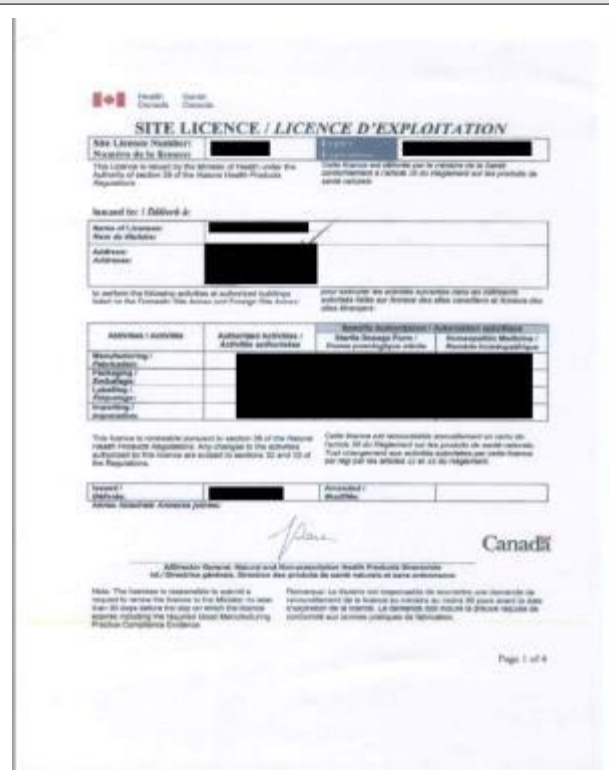
Certificate for food manufacturing facility registration

Indonesia



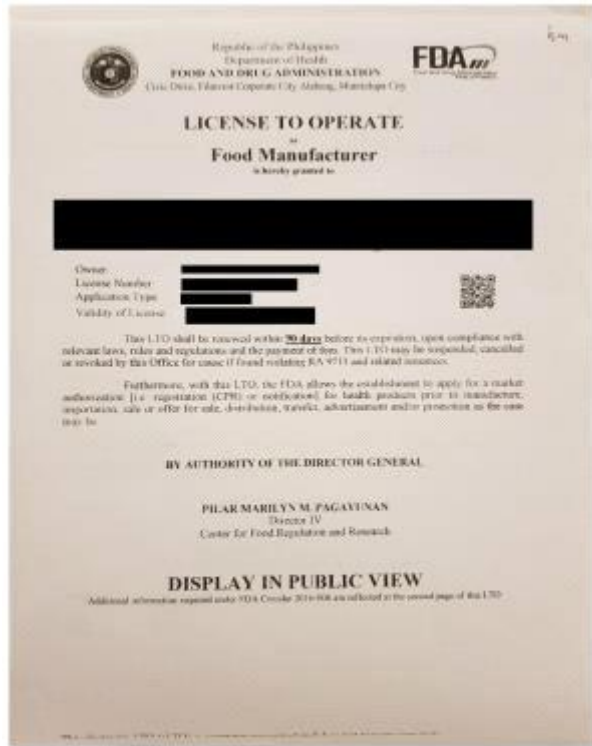
Facility License

Canada



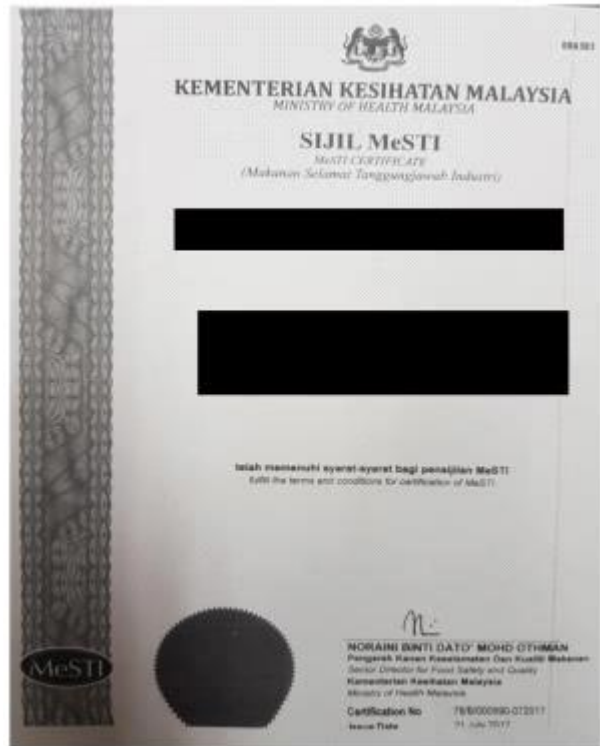
Site License

the Philippines



License to operate as food manufacturer

Malaysia



Certificate for facility registration

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certificates at the customs clearance stage and updates on import inspection

<Temporary measure for import declaration documentation>

-Due to delayed shipment of original documents caused by COVID-19, temporary measures to allow the submission of the copies/scanned copies of the original documents are in place for unimpeded import declaration.

Category	Measures
Food, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Period: Effective until July 31, 2020 * Actions: Import declaration is accepted even without the original documents if the following documents are submitted. (Originals must be submitted in the near future) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colored scanned copies (or photos) of required documents - Importer's statement (Expected submission date for original documents and reasons for delay) (Only acceptable reason is international courier service delay due to COVID-19)
Livestock products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -EU countries: effective until August 1, 2020 (based on exporting country's issue date) -Australia: effective until July 1, 2020 (based on exporting country's issue date) * Actions: Import declaration is accepted when copies of the original documents must be sent to the designated e-mail address
Fishery products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -EU countries: (byproducts) effective until August 1, 2020 (based on exporting country's issue date) -Australia: (byproducts) effective until July 1, 2020 (based on exporting country's issue date) -Russia: (fishery and byproducts) effective until further notice -India: testing certificate, effective until July 31, 2020 * Actions: Accept color-scanned copies before the original copies are

	to be submitted. Documents must be sent to the designated e-mail address.
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* Temporary measures may be reviewed for extension if the situation continues

<Revised items of import inspection>

-The number and the items subject to the close laboratory test have been revised based on the test results of last 5 years, whose safety had been acknowledged by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety.

① Increased number of pesticides items subject to laboratory test(58→65)

Changes	Subject pesticides	Reasons
Added (10 items)	1. Chlorpyrifos-methyl 2. Carbendazim 3. Thiabendazole 4. Clothianidin 5. Difenconazole 6. Pyridaben 7. Imidacloprid 8. Piperonylbutoxide 9. Tolfenpyrad 10. Diflubenzuron	- Non-compliance cases exist - Detected 5 times or more in a 5 year period
Exempted (3 items)	1. Parathion-methyl 2. Triflumizole 3. Quintozene	- No non-compliance cases - Detected less than 5 times in a 5 year period

* MFDS Notice No.2020-25, April 22, 2020

② Adjustment of items subject to document review

[4 items deleted, 8 items added]

Changes	Type	Subject product (Country)	Reason
Deleted (4 items)	Agricultural products	1. Carrots (China) 2. Avocados (USA) 3. Welsh onions (China)	- Non-compliance cases exist
	Processed foods	1. Beer (USA)	
Added (8 items)	Agricultural products	1. Burdock (China)	- No non-compliance cases from 500 inspections over a 5 year period
	Processed foods	1. Improved meju (fermented soy bean lump) (China) 2. Dextrin (China) 3. Beer (Ireland, England, China, Czech Republic, Philippines) 4. Taffy (China) 5. Roasted coffee (Malaysia, Spain) 6. Surimi (India) 7. Whiskey (USA)	

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Safety Management System for Overseas Direct Purchase of Food

- With a growing consumption of food products directly purchased from overseas due to increased use of internet and social media, public relations efforts to increase awareness of a safety management for those products is required.
- MFDS purchases and conducts inspection on food products from overseas online shopping malls and once products with harmful substances are to find, it asks the Korea Customs Service to withhold customs clearance and posts the results on the website "Foodsafetykorea".

Request for ODP safety management

- Providing related laws and regulations about the food safety control regarding overseas direct purchase
- Providing the name of competent authority and person in charge, and contact details to the below email addresses by July 31, 2020

Division	Person in charge	E-mail
Imported Food Distribution Safety Division	Choi Eunju	choie5@korea.kr
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- (Inspection target) Dietary supplements(weight-loss, sexual function enhancement, building muscle etc.) from Amazon, iHerb and eBay.
- (Inspection items) 78 illegal compounds(sildenafil, tadalafil etc.), bovine-derived materials
- (Followup measure) Requesting withholding of products* with harmful substances to the Korea Customs Service and publishing the list of such products on the website "Foodsafetykorea".

* 「Customs Act」 Article 237.3(withholding of customs clearance): where obligations provided for in this Act are violated or the public health, etc. is likely to be harmed

<Current status of ODP>

(unit: 1,000 case)

Type No. of cases	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Overseas Direct Purchase	15,863	17,395	23,592	32,255	42,988
Overseas Direct Purchase of Food	4,761(30%)	5,782(33%)	7,795(33%)	9,967(31%)	13,748(32%)

* Source: Korea Customs Service, 'e-commerce import transaction status' (www.index.go.kr)

○ How to increase awareness

- Encouraging consumers to check before purchasing products if they are on a 'List of Hazardous Products Refused Entry' of the website "Foodsafetykorea", which discloses information of such products in real time.
- Promotion via press release, leaflets, digital comics, 'card news' video clips and SNS feeds