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Food Safety Agency**

**Veterinary Requirements
to Importing poultry meat to Azerbaijan Republic**

It is admitted to import to Azerbaijan Republic poultry meat, derived from slaughter and processing of healthy poultry at the poultry processing enterprises, licensed by the central state veterinary service of the exporting country for supplying the production for export and being under its permanent control.

Poultry meat to be exported to the Azerbaijan Republic, are subject to the pre-slaughter veterinary examination, while carcasses and organs from them to the post slaughter veterinary-sanitary examination carried out by the state veterinary service of the exporting country. It should be confirmed that meat is beneficial for human consumption. Meat should have a marking (veterinary stamp) on packing or semi-pack. The marked label should be stamped on packing so that the unsealing of package would be impossible without damage of wholeness of marking labels.

Meat should originate from healthy poultry prepared in the farm and administrative territories, officially free from infectious diseases, including:

a) African swine fever – during the last 3 years in the country's administrative territory;

b) FMD – during the last 12 months in the administrative territory (state, province, land, county, etc.);

c) Newcastle disease, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) – during the last 6 months in the administrative territory (state, province, land, county, etc.);

d) chicken and turkey farms - for ornithosis (psittacosis), paramyxovirus infection, rhinotracheitis of turkeys, infectious laryngotracheitis, infectious encephalomyelitis - during the last 6 months on the farm's territory;

e) goose and duck farms – Derzsy disease, viral hepatitis of ducklings, ornithosis (psittacosis) – during the last 6 months on the farm's territory;

f) the poultry come the slaughtering from farms that are recognized as free from salmonellosis, in accordance with the requirements of the "Terrestrial Animal Health Code" of the OIE;

Meat has been obtained from slaughtering of poultry which didn't receive the feedings-stuff, containing raw materials generated with a use of methods of genetic engineering or other genetically modified sources.

Importation of the following poultry meat to the Azerbaijan Republic is not allowed:

- having changes in the post slaughter veterinary-sanitary examination, peculiar for infectious diseases, affected by helminthes, as well as in poisoning with various substances;

- meat of undrawn and half-drawn bird;
- of poor quality for organoleptic indicators;
- having a temperature in the muscle thickness at bones higher than minus 18 degrees Celsius for frozen poultry;
- containing means of preserving;
- contaminated by salmonella on the surface of carcasses in the thickness of muscles or tissues;
- treated by coloring substances, ionizing or ultraviolet rays;
- having dark pigmentation (except turkeys and guinea fowls);
- meat having signs of spoiling;
- derived from slaughter of poultry which were exposed to impact of natural or synthetic estrogenic, hormonal substances, thyreostatic preparations, antibiotics, pesticides and other medicinal means injected into directly before slaughter at a later date recommended by instructions on their application.

Microbiological, chemico-toxicological and radiological indicators of poultry meat should meet the veterinary-sanitary rules and requirements effective in the Azerbaijan Republic.

Tare and packing material should be disposable and meet to the hygienic requirements. Means of transportation are treated and prepared according to the usual regulations of the exporting country.

Fulfillment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state veterinarian of the exporting country, drawn up in the language of exporting-country and in international language.

Shipment of meat and meat products to the Azerbaijan Republic is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic reserves the right to carry out an inspection of a pre-slaughter examination of poultry and veterinary and sanitary examination of carcasses and internal organs at the exporter's enterprises by forces of its veterinary specialists, as well as the certification of poultry processing enterprises for the possibility of supplying products to the Republic of Azerbaijan.