

Promoting Live Animal and Meat Export from IGAD Region



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The Horn of Africa (HoA) Region currently exports over 50% of live animals, and less than 10% of the annual demand in the Middle East and North African (MENA) countries, despite being in close proximity to importing countries in addition to importers having a particular preference for livestock from the HoA countries. The limited livestock and meat products export to those countries is partly due to poor vertical and horizontal linkage between the main actors and regulatory institutions at both ends; HoA and MENA countries. As such, exporters have continued with their traditional way of marketing with little awareness or promotion materials on their products to increase export trade. This has led to the Horn of Africa countries losing some share of live animal and meat trade to the Gulf countries due to limited effort in meeting the sanitary requirements and hygiene certification that are technical hindrance to trade. Moreover, there is an information gap between traders and importers when it comes to real time market information and dissemination of this information on import requirements as well as commodity prices and promotional efforts. Below is a summary of import requirements disaggregated into general and country requirements.


Sanitary and phytosanitary import requirements of MENA countries

GENERAL

Live animals	Meat
Quarantine for 21-30 days & be free from transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and any other diseases.	Slaughter animals that are free from transboundary animal diseases (TADs).
Originate from an internationally known port, have bill of lading etc	Accompanied by an original health certificate issued by competent veterinary authority indicating date of slaughter, expiry and shelf life.
	Accompanied by certificate of origin & Halal slaughter certificate.
	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system (HACCP) applied at all production phases at the abattoirs and factories approved by importing countries.



KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (KSA)

Whole consignment will be rejected if more than 10% of livestock test positive against any disease. Quarantine applies if it is less than 10%.	Slaughter animals not fed on animal protein, animal-fats or animal-manure-manufactured forages.
100% test against Brucellosis.	Slaughter animals not subjected to growth promoter hormones.
Vaccination against Rift Valley Fever (RVF) 7 days prior to shipment. They should have IGG above 50% & IGM below 2% on the day of shipment.	Not slaughtered in a pig slaughterhouse or come in contact with pork.
	Each consignment without offal, spinal cord, head, limbs and kidneys fat but may have part of the tail to identify the animal's species.
	Carcass should have no sign of decay and without flavoring or coloring substances.
	Not more than 4 months from time of slaughter to delivery at destination and kept under not more than -18C°.
	The carcass and parts packed with a soft, porous and clean cloth in addition to Kraft paper of polyethylene (in case of frozen meats).
	Slices of meat packed in waxed cartons or polyethylene.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

10% of livestock tested against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis.	Slaughter animals not vaccinated against RVF even though they should have tested negative against it and other TADs.
Will be quarantined at destination port for 15 days. Detection of any disease warrants additional 15 days stay. Cattle vaccinated against FMD types A, O, C and SAT 1.	Meat must be free of filth and any pathogenic microorganisms or parasitic agents.
No vaccination against RVF though they should have tested negative on the health certificate.	Meat must not be mixed with any other animal products
	Carcass subjected to maturation at + >20C for a minimum period of 24 hours after slaughter and have a pH of < 6.

KUWAIT

Vaccination is required for RVF and sheep and goat pox.	Livestock not fed protein or fat of animal origin
	Meal cuts shall be branded with the Islamic center or organization official stamp.

OMAN

No incident of anthrax, Peste Des Petits Ruminants (PPR) or Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) reported 20 days before the shipment, from birth or six months before shipment.	Certificates must be attested by the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman or that of any Gulf Cooperative Council (G.C.C) countries.
No incident of rabies recorded 12 months before shipment.	
50% of each livestock consignment must randomly be IGM tested for RVF	

QATAR

Vaccination against RVF, FMD and pox	Certificate should attest compliance with GCC requirements.
	Reject consignments if 20% test positive for <i>Salmonella</i>

BAHRAIN

Vaccinated for RVF, FMD, Pox and LSD & free from any other TADs and screw worms.	Slaughter animals free from TADs and other diseases
Screened for TB and brucellosis	
No clinical signs of anthrax on the day of export, originated from areas free from anthrax twenty (20) days prior to export; or were vaccinated against anthrax not less than twenty (20) days and not more than six (6) months prior to export.	Same as live animals
Free from cattle ticks, evidence of ticks and tick borne diseases.	



JORDAN

Free from infectious diseases and not suffered from FMD during the previous three months.	Accompanied with Sanitary and Phytosanitary certificate (SPS) indicating
Serological testing for brucellosis and laboratory examination for FMD strains (using 3ABC-ELISA) should be carried out during 30 days quarantine period.	Slaughter animals not fed feed that contains bovine bone and meat meals.
Cattle should not be vaccinated against FMD, lumpy skin disease or Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) but should be vaccinated against hemorrhagic septicemia (HS)	Meat should be free of glands and bones.
Free from external parasites including ticks.	From hormone free animals & a hormone free certificate is required.
Shall be quarantined upon arrival in Jordan for at least 14 days.	Free of eyes, brains, spinal cords or meat mechanically extracted from skull or vertebral column
	From cattle not exceeding 30 months of age



EGYPT

Sheep	All carcasses
Only males	Animals for slaughter must be quarantined for 30 days and tested for contagious diseases from the 16th day.
Will be quarantined at the shipping port for not less than 30 days.	Only the fore and hind quarters, packaged in labeled cartons and stored at 0–2°C are exported.
Serological testing for FMD during the 30 days quarantine period.	Chilled bone-in-beef is deboned immediately upon arrival at the Cairo airport.
Cattle	
Only male animals younger than three years old and over 300 kg live weight.	A certificate of origin and copy of pro-forma invoice must accompany the shipment.
Free from contagious diseases, particularly FMD, rinderpest and CBPP.	Slaughter animals not fed protein or fat of animal origin.
30-day quarantine period for live animals prior to entry into the country and after entry. They will be subjected to Serological testing for FMD and CBPP.	
Vaccinated against RVF and LSD.	
Drenched, injected and sprayed against internal and external parasites respectively.	





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