



IGAD CENTRE FOR PASTORAL AREAS AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

PROMOTING LIVE ANIMAL AND MEAT EXPORT FROM THE IGAD REGION; AWARENESS MATERIALS ON IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MENA MARKET



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Some Facts:

The IGAD region is recognized for its vast wealth of livestock estimated at 532 million, out of which 360 million are ruminants. However, available data indicates that only 10 million heads of live animals and 41,000 MT of meat were exported to Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries in 2017. This was equivalent to about 50% and 10% of annual live animals and meat demand by MENA countries.

The limited exports are mainly due to limited compliance with Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) requirements of importing countries resulting in bans but also have partly been due to limited coordination between the trade counselors, exporters and competent authorities in IGAD member states. The gap has been in terms of real time market information collection and dissemination on import requirements as well as commodity prices and limited promotional and linkage efforts.

The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) has presented a summary of import requirements of MENA to help actors get acquainted so that they can play a role in enhancing the export trade from the IGAD region.



SPS Requirements of Middle East and North Africa (Mena) Countries

General GCC Requirements

Live animals	Meat
Animals are kept in accredited quarantine station for 30 days	The meat has been derived from healthy animals that have no evidence of any contagious or infectious disease as listed by OIE,
Animals are tested for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Virus infection with negative test results	Animals have been slaughtered in a slaughterhouse that is approved by the GCC authorities and is under the supervision of the Competent Authority,
Animals are vaccinated against RVF at least 21 days prior to shipment	The meat is produced from animals that have been subjected to ante mortem and post mortem inspection by the Competent Authority, in accordance with GCC requirements,
	The establishment implements a food safety management system based on HACCP principles or an equivalent system,
	The meat or meat product has not been derived from animals fed with processed animal protein, excluding fish meal, according to the GCC requirements. Good veterinary practice has been applied in the use of veterinary medicines (including growth hormones) and agriculture chemicals in live animals and any residues in meat comply with GCC requirements,
	Accompanied by an original health certificate issued by competent veterinary authority indicating date of slaughter, expiry, shelf life and attesting that it is safe for human consumption,
	Accompanied by certificate of origin & Halal slaughter certificate,
	A commercial invoice, airway bill/bill of lading.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Live animals	Meat
Animals are required to be quarantined for 30 days before shipped to KSA,	The meat is derived from animals free of listed diseases, tested within the range of 12 hours before and after slaughtering by the official bodies concerned to ensure their safety and fitness for human consumption,
Livestock export must obtain import permit from KSA competent authority,	Slaughter animals not fed on animal protein, animal-fats or animal-manure-manufactured forages,
Livestock shipments must be accompanied by country of origin and health certificate from a competent authority in the country of origin duly authenticated by KSA embassy in that country,	Slaughter animals not subjected to growth promoter hormones,
Veterinary inspection shall be conducted on arrival at KSA port of entry, the whole shipment shall be rejected if it is infected with any of the diseases listed by the KSA competent authority. Shipment may be quarantined upon detection of any other diseases. If the percentage of infection does not exceed 10% of the random sample inspected. If, however, exceeds 10%, the shipment shall be refused entry,	Not slaughtered in a pig slaughterhouse or come in contact with pork,
100% test against Brucellosis,	The meat is prepared, handled, stored and transported according to the approved standards,
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,	The establishment implements a food safety management system based on HACCP principles or an equivalent system such as ISO 22000,
Saudi Arabia accredited quarantine facilities,	The establishment should be certified by the local Competent Authority,
Laboratory examination for FMD strains (using 3ABC-ELISA) should be carried out during 30 days quarantine period.	The Competent Authority should issue export license,

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) (Continuation)

Live animals	Meat
	A rodent control plan with a contract agreement,
	Each consignment without offal, spinal cord, head, limbs and kidneys 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,
	Carcass from slaughter to delivery to KSA, not more than 3 days after slaughter,
	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),
	Carcasses should be chilled 18-24 hours at 0-20C,
	Bacterial sampling and analysis reports
	Drug residues and other chemicals sampling and analysis reports
	Slices of meat packed in waxed cartons or polyethylene.

OMAN

Live animals	Meat
Livestock to be imported to Oman should be kept in an approved quarantine for one month under the supervision of veterinary authorities.	All meats (i.e., beef and poultry products) imported to Oman require a health certificate issued by the country of export and a "Halal" slaughter certificate issued by an approved Islamic center in that country,
No incident of anthrax or peste des petits Ruminants (PPR) or lumpy skin disease should have been reported during the 20 days before the shipment, and no incidence of rabies during the 12 months before the shipment.	The imported animal should be IGM tested for Rift Valley disease and brucellosis with random sample representing 50% of the animals at each consignment.
Certificates must be attested by the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman or that of any GCC country,	The importer should apply for a permit before arrival or departure of the consignment.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Live animals	Meat
All live animals are subject to quarantine for 21-30 days before shipped to the UAE,	Animals should be slaughtered in an approved abattoir (by Dubai Municipality) which has HACCP or other quality assurance systems,
10% of livestock tested against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis and should be test negative,	Animals came from a zone free from Rift Valley Fever and were kept in an official quarantine station for 21-30 days prior to slaughtering, and were tested for Rift valley Fever in an official laboratory with negative results,
Will be quarantined at destination port for 15 days. Live sheep and goats are tested for Rift Valley Fever and Brucellosis by conducting randomized sampling. Detection of any disease warrants additional 15 days stay to look for clinical signs of suspected diseases. Cattle get vaccinated against FMD types A, O, C and SAT 1 before they get released to the UAE; while shoats are directly taken to the market.	Slaughter animals not vaccinated against RVF,
	Meat must be free of filth and any pathogenic microorganisms or parasitic agents,
	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
	Have acceptable limits of aflatoxin and other toxics, radiation and irradiation,
	A residue monitoring plan

KUWAIT

Live animals	Meat
Animals are required to be quarantined for 21 days,	Slaughtering has been carried out in authorized abattoir and according to Islamic rules,
All livestock imported to Kuwait must be free from trans-boundary animal diseases as listed by OIE,	Animals have been inspected within 12 hours before slaughtering and immediately after slaughtering by an official veterinarian and it has been found sound and free from infectious diseases and fit for human consumption,
Vaccination is required for RVF and sheep and goat pox.	Each meat consignment should be accompanied by health certificate of the Competent Authority - attested by relevant consulates of GCC states or by their authorized representatives

QATAR

Live animals	Meat
Livestock must be kept in a veterinary quarantine for 3 weeks prior to shipment,	The export abattoir should be approved by the GCC
All livestock imported to Qatar must be free from trans-boundary animal diseases as listed by OIE,	Should be accompanied by original health certificate issued by the Competent Authority,
Vaccination is required for RVF, FMD and pox for sheep and goats.	The certificate should attest compliance to GCC requirements,
	Meat and meat products are routinely tested for Salmonella. If Salmonella is detected in more than 20% of the tested samples, the shipment will be rejected.

BAHRAIN

Live animals	Meat
Animals are required to be quarantined in approved facility for 21 days,	Halal Slaughter certificate,
Animals should be free from FMD, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP), Rabies, Hemorrhagic septicemia, Bovine brucellosis, Bovine tuberculosis, Bovine spongiform encephalopathy; and Screw-Worm fly,	Slaughter animals free from Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and other diseases,
Animals are required to be screened for TB and brucellosis and vaccinated for RVF, FMD, Pox for sheep & goats, and LSD (Lumpy Skin Disease),	Should be accompanied with international veterinary certificate attesting that it is fit for consumption
Cattle are free from evidence of ticks; or have been treated for ticks,	
The animals were examined during the 48 hours prior to loading for export and were found free from evidence of diseases and fit to travel,	
The decks and compartments used for transporting the ruminants and storing feed have been thoroughly cleaned,	
Health certificate and import permit.	

JORDAN

Live animals	Meat
Cattle should be kept in official veterinary quarantine facility for 30 days prior to shipment,	Accompanied with SPS indicating;
Serological testing for brucellosis and laboratory examination for FMD strains (using 3ABC-ELISA) should be carried out during the 30-day quarantine period,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Free from any diseases, o Slaughter animals not fed feed that contains bovine bone and meat meals, o Meat should be free of glands and bones, o Should be free from hormone, o Free of eyes, brains, spinal cords or meat mechanically extracted from skull or vertebral column, o From cattle not exceeding 30 months of age.
Free from infectious diseases and not suffered from FMD during the previous three months,	
Cattle should not be vaccinated against FMD, (LSD) or CBPP but should be vaccinated against Hemorrhagic septicemia (HS),	
Free from external parasites including ticks,	
Shall be quarantined upon arrival for at least 14 days.	

EGYPT

Live Sheep & Goats	All Carcasses
Only males, Will be quarantined at the shipping port for not less than 30 days,	Animals for slaughter must be quarantined for 30 days and tested for contagious diseases from the 16th day.
Serological testing for FMD during the quarantine period.	Only the fore and hind quarters, packaged in labeled cartons and stored at 0–2°C are exported,
	Chilled bone-in-beef is deboned immediately upon arrival at the Cairo airport,
	Slaughtered under supervision of Egyptian Veterinary committee (inspectors- ante- and post- mortem) and from accredited slaughterhouses by Egyptian Veterinary delegation
Live Cattle	De-boned beef meat (frozen- chilled- chilled under vacuum)
The importation under the supervision of Egyptian veterinarian delegation,	Slaughter animals not more than 48 months of age,
Weight not less than 300 Kg and aged between 4- 5 years,	Slaughter animals not fed protein or fat of animal origin,
Laboratory testing in the country of origin against FMD by 3ABC. 10% of total animals against TB by tuberculin test. All positive cases have to be removed from the quarantine area,	Not treated with growth promotion hormones,
The negative cases will be vaccinated against LSD, RVF, HS, CBPP, FMD with polyvalent vaccine (strains A, O, Sat1 and Sat2),	Slaughter animals free from infectious animal diseases- FMD and CBPP,
Quarantine period for 21 days start from the date of the entrance and vaccination with FMD vaccine of the last animal under the supervision of Egyptian veterinarian.	Meat from hind and fore quarter only.
	Chilled boned meat

EGYPT (Continuation)

Live Sheep & Goats	All Carcasses
	From animals aged not more than 48 months of age,
	From area and herd free from epidemic and infectious diseases especially FMD, RVF, LSD and CBPP,
	From animals not treated with GPHs,
	Meat from hind and fore quarter only, wrapped with gauze and accompanied by label with all information,
	The meat is kept under chilling condition (from 0 to 2°C) till shipping.

The Role of Actors To Meet Live Animal and Meat Export Requirements

To All Actors

One of the common requirements of all the countries importing live animals and animal products is fulfillment of SPS and related issues that must be confirmed by provision of health certificates issued by a regulating body. The above are some of the major requirements that need to be fulfilled by different actors in order to obtain product entry permits or sustain the export market in the above importing countries.

The health and other certificates issued for animals and animal products export must indicate that the animal or meat is free from diseases, safe and fit for human consumption, and have an original veterinary health certificate.

Producers

Pastoralists/producers should raise animals with regular observation for any unusual behavior and disease signs, follow up and report for treatment and/or vaccination and keeping good veterinary practice including observing withdrawal periods for veterinary drugs. It is also useful to handle animals with due consideration at all times and with minimal use of force for economic reasons related to meat quality as well as to meet animal welfare standards.

Traders, Middlemen, Transporters and Abattoir Operators

Traders, middlemen and transporters purchase animals to supply slaughter houses or live animal exporters. Both meat and live animal exporters require healthy and quality animals to fetch better prices, to maintain their customers' interest and stay competitive in the market. Traders, middlemen and transporters should ensure humane handling of animals when purchasing from the market, at holding grounds, and during transportation and slaughter facilities.

Development Agents /Extension Staff /Other Key Players In The Chain

Make producers, producer cooperatives, dealers, traders and transporters aware of the high demand of the MENA and the peak seasons (Eid Al-Adha [Arafa] and Ramadan) for live animals and meat and the marketing potential that exists in other regions, Provide information, train and mentor actors on prevention and control of TADs and proper transportation to meet the above requirements, Assist in dissemination of livestock market information to actors with more focus to producers through strengthening pastoralists' organizations.





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