

Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Re: Prescribing of Characteristics and Conditions for the Prohibited Importation of
Animal Feed with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)
B.E. 2560 (2017)

By the virtue of Section 5 and Section 6 (3) of the Animal Feed Quality Control Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, upon the recommendation of the Animal Feed Quality Control Committee, hereby notifies as follows:

Clause 1 This notification is called the "Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re: Prescribing of Characteristics and Conditions for the Prohibited Importation of Animal Feed with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), B.E. 2560 (2017)".

Clause 2 This notification shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette onward.

Clause 3 In this notification,

"The country recognized as having a Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) risk" means a country or an area with BSE risk status that appear in the notification of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) which are divided into Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 countries.

"Group 1 countries" means the group of countries posing negligible BSE risk,

"Group 2 countries" means the group of countries posing controlled BSE risk,

"Group 3 countries" means the group of countries posing undetermined BSE risk.

Clause 4 Importation of meat and bone meal or MBM, meat meal, degreasing meat meal, bone meal or greaves derived from cattle as animal feed ingredients is prohibited in the following cases:

(1) Products from Group 1 countries that are found to be derived from cattle that were born prior to the implementation of the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat and bone meal (MBM), meat meal, degreasing meat meal, bone meal or greaves derived from ruminant, in accordance with the latest measure notified by the country of origin.

(2) Meat and bone meal (MBM), meat meal, degreasing meat meal, bone meal or greaves derived from cattle or other products containing meat and bone meal (MBM), meat meal, degreasing meat meal, bone meal or greaves ingredients from Group 2 and Group 3 countries.

Clause 5 Importation of tallow containing insoluble impurities more than 0.15 percent by weight is prohibited, except when:

- (1) Imported from Group 1 countries,
- (2) Imported tallow from Group 2 countries which is derived from cattle that passed ante-mortem inspection and post-mortem inspection with no BSE detected or suspected and is not derived from tonsils and distal ileum of cattle of all age groups and is not derived from the brain, eyes, skull or vertebral column of cattle more than 30 months of age.

Clause 6 Importation of tallow derivatives containing insoluble impurities more than 0.15 percent by weight is prohibited, except when:

- (1) Imported from Group 1 countries,
- (2) Imported from Group 2 countries under the following conditions:
 - (a) Derived from cattle that passed ante-mortem inspection and post-mortem inspection with no BSE detected or suspected and is not derived from tonsils and distal ileum of cattle of all age groups and is not derived from the brain, eyes, skull and vertebral column of cattle more than 30 months of age; or
 - (b) Produced by hydrolysis, saponification or transesterification process using high temperature and pressure.
- (3) Imported from Group 3 countries that are produced by hydrolysis, saponification or transesterification process using high temperature and pressure.

Clause 7 Importation of gelatin and collagen prepared from bones is prohibited, except when:

- (1) Imported from Group 1 countries,
- (2) Imported from Group 2 and Group 3 countries under the following conditions:
 - (a) Derived from cattle that passed ante-mortem inspection and post-mortem inspection with no BSE detected or suspected;
 - (b) Contain no vertebrae columns from cattle over 30 months of age and no skulls from cattle of all ages;
 - (c) Bones must be processed by all of the following steps:
 1. Degreasing,
 2. Acid demineralization,
 3. Acid or alkaline treatment,
 4. Filtration
 5. Sterilisation through a heating process at a temperature no less than 138 °C for no less than 4 seconds.

Clause 8 Importation of dicalcium phosphate containing protein or fat is prohibited, except when:

- (1) Imported from Group 1 countries,
- (2) Imported from Group 2 and Group 3 countries that is the by-product of bone gelatin production under the following conditions:

(a) Derived from cattle that passed ante-mortem inspection and post-mortem inspection with no BSE detected or suspected;

(b) Contain no vertebrae columns from cattle over 30 months of age and no skulls from cattle of all ages;

(c) Bones must be processed by all of the following steps:

1. Degreasing,

2. Acid demineralization,

3. Acid or alkaline treatment,

4. Filtration,

5. Sterilisation through a heating process at a temperature no less than 138°C for no less than 4 seconds.

Clause 9 Importation of blood meal and blood by-products derived from cattle slaughtered by a stunning process with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity or a pithing process or any other processes that damaged brain and spinal cord.

Clause 10 Importation of animal feed derived from cattle or containing ingredients from cattle or products derived from cattle must comply with the rules and conditions notified by the Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development.

Notified on 28 April 2017

General Chatchai Sarikalaya

Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives

The English version of notification is translated to meet the need of the non – Thai speaking people. In case of discrepancy between the Thai original and the English translation, the original Thai version shall prevail.