

# **Guidelines for Screening Application for Letter of Approval for the Importation of Breeding Livestock and Poultry and Genetic Resources**

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## **Article 1**

In order to execute Article 19 of the “Animal Industry Act” for issuing the approval letters of importing breeding livestock and poultry and genetic resources, the following guidelines were promulgated.

## **Article 2**

Breeding livestock and poultry and other genetic resources of the following CCC (Commodity Classification of the Republic of China) Code for breeding purposes, breed improvement, and proliferation, the applicants shall apply to the Council of Agriculture (also known as COA) issued an approval documents.

- (1)0101.21.00.00 — 3 Live horses, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (2)0102.21.00.00 — 2 Live bovine animals, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (3)0102.31.00.00 — 0 Live buffalo, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (4)0102.90.10.00 — 6 Other of bovine animals, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (5)0103.10.00.00 — 4 Live swine, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (6)0104.20.00.10 — 9 Live goats, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (7)0105.11.10.00 — 9 Live fowls, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing not more than 185g.
- (8)0105.12.10.00 — 8 Live turkeys, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing not more than 185g.
- (9)0105.13.10.00 — 7 Live ducks, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing not more than 185g.
- (10)0105.14.10.00 — 6 Live geese, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing not more than 185g.
- (11)0105.15.10.00 — 5 Live guinea fowls, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing not more than 185g.
- (12)0105.94.10.00 — 9 Live fowls of the species *Gallus domesticus*, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing more than 185g.
- (13)0105.99.10.00 — 4 Live ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowls, pure-bred breeding animals, weighing more than 185g.
- (14)0106.19.10.21 — 5 Deer, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (15)0106.33.00.10 — 2 Live ostriches, emus, pure-bred breeding animals.
- (16)0511.10.00.00 — 0 Bovine semen.
- (17)0511.99.91.20 — 0 Semen for livestock and poultry breeding.
- (18)0511.99.92.20 — 9 Embryos for livestock and poultry breeding.

(19)0511.99.99.40 — 8 Ovum for livestock and poultry breeding.

### Article 3

Applications to import breeding livestock and poultry and genetic resources should be limited to the listed breeds or lines as following:

(1) Dairy cattle:

A. Holstein.

B. Jersey.

(2) Beef cattle:

A. Brahman.

B. Charolais.

C. Brangus.

D. Gelbvieh.

E. Limousin.

F. Piedmont.

G. Simmental Fleckvieh.

H. Wagyu.

I. Angus.

J. Hereford.

(3) Swine:

A. Landrace.

B. Yorkshire or Large White.

- C. Duroc.
- D. Hampshire.
- E. Berkshire.

(4) Goats:

- A. Saanen.
- B. Toggenburg.
- C. Nubian.
- D. Alpine.
- E. Boer.

(5) Deer:

- A. Sambar deer.
- B. Sika deer.
- C. Red deer.
- D. Fallow deer.

Involving new breeds or lines that have not yet been imported into Taiwan, applications should follow the procedures listed in item 3 of Guideline 4.

#### Article 4

Application procedures and supporting documents required:

(1) Application procedures :

- A. Breeding livestock: application for import approval letter shall be filed with the county/city government of the area where the livestock will be allocated and raised. Following review, the application shall be referred to COA for issuance of the import approval letter.

- B. Breeding poultry: application for import approval letter shall be filed with the National Animal Industry Foundation. Following review, the application shall be forwarded to COA for issuance of an import approval letter.
  - C. Genetic resources: application for import approval letter shall be filed with COA. Following review, the COA will issue the import approval letter.
- (2) Application for import approval letter shall be supported by the following documents, in triplicate:
- A. Application form (as Annex 1 and Annex 2).
  - B. Photocopy of a quotation issued from original country.
  - C. Photocopy of the farm registration certificate (except for imports of semen or embryos)
  - D. Pedigree certificate: the pedigree of breeding livestock should be certified by the government of the exporting country or by an authorized breed association, or alternatively shall be confirmed by a certificate that the livestock is duly listed in the exporting country.
  - E. Performance data: those wishing to import semen should provide donor's performance data that meet the average of the breed.  
For those wishing to import embryos the performance data of both sire and dam are required.
- (3) For breeds or lines those are being introduced to Taiwan for the first time, the applicant shall submit the following information and file their application for an import approval letter directly with COA:
- A. Application form.
  - B. Certificates of the importers.
  - C. Breeding history or discovery of the breed or line.
  - D. Feeding study references.
  - E. Photograph of the object or product.
  - F. Other related documents that may be required by the government.

## Article 5

During a six-month period for follow-up quarantine requirements, relocation of the imported

breeding livestock or poultry is prohibited, unless permitted by the local county/city government. The COA will punish violators of this rule by not issue further import approval letter for a period of two years from their violation.

#### Article 6

An import permit is valid for six months from the day after the issue of the approval letter. The approval letter shall void upon expiration of the import permit, and a new application is required for continued importation.

#### Article 7

Quarantine of imported breeding livestock and poultry and genetic resources shall follow the “Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Animals or Animal Products” promulgated by the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine of COA.

#### Article 8

Within six months of the import of breeding livestock and poultry and genetic resources, an application for tariff exemption can be filed with the county/city government of the location where the livestock or poultry is raised or the genetic resources are used, with this application having to be accompanied by a photocopy of the import permit and pedigree certificate. Following review, the application will be forwarded to COA for the issuance of a tariff exemption approval. The application will be rejected if it is filed after the expiry of the prescribed time limit.

#### Article 9

If concern exists that a particular import may influence the market stability of the local livestock and poultry industry, the COA has the sole discretion to suspend the issuance of approval letter on a per item basis.

#### Article 10

The import involving genetic manipulated shall follow other related regulations.

Appendix 1

**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE IMPORTATION OF  
BREEDING LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY**

For (or on behalf of) \_\_\_\_\_ Co., Ltd./Farm, applicant desires to import from \_\_\_\_\_ (country) a total of \_\_\_\_\_ (number of breeds) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Chinese and English name of the breed), comprising \_\_\_\_\_ of male breeds and \_\_\_\_\_ of female breeds, for own breeding and reproduction purposes. Said \_\_\_\_\_ will be raised at \_\_\_\_\_ (full address). Applicant agrees that during the six-month follow-up quarantine after importation, relocation shall be subject to the prior approval of the county/city government; or applicant shall be punishable by way of being suspended from right to importation for two years. Attached hereto are three copies of the following documents: (1) application form; (2) quotation invoice; (3) photocopy of farm registration certificate; and (4) pedigree certificate or undertaking (applicable to breeding cattle, goat, swine and deer only). Your issuing the import approval letter to the applicant would be highly appreciated.

To:

County/City Government  
National Animal Industry Foundation

For transmittal to:

Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan

Company name of applicant:

Responsible Person:

Address (mailing address):

Telephone No.:

Company ID No.:

Name of the farm:

Registration Certificate No.:

Registered Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

The import approval letter issued by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan will be ( )  
mailed or ( ) picked up in person (please check either one).

Applied in the date of MM/DD/YY

**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE IMPORTATION OF  
EMBRYO AND SEMEN**

For (or on behalf of) \_\_\_\_\_ Co., Ltd./Farm, applicant desires to import from \_\_\_\_\_(country) a total of \_\_\_\_\_ (numbers of embryo or doses of semen) of \_\_\_\_\_(Chinese and English name of the breed of the embryo or semen). Attached hereto are three copies of the following documents:(1) application form; (2) quotation invoice; and (3) performance certificate. Your issuing the import approval letter to the applicant would be highly appreciated.

To:

Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan

Company name of applicant:

Responsible Person:

Address (mailing address):

Telephone No.:

Company ID No.:

Name of the farm:

Registration Certificate No.:

Registered Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

The import approval letter issued by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan will be ( ) mailed or ( ) picked up in person (please check either one).

Applied in the date of MM/DD/YY