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Lithuania

Dear Ms Rima Živatkauskaitė,

**Importation of beef / pork from the Republic of Lithuania
into the HKSAR under trial shipment**

Thank you for the email dated 2 March 2018 from the State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS), the Republic of Lithuania with information in relation to the subject issue.

I am pleased to inform you that SFVS may make use of the dual purpose EU document, i.e. Export Declaration / Health Certificate for exporting beef / pork from the Republic of Lithuania to the HKSAR. Copy of the dual purpose EU document is enclosed at Annex A for your ease of reference. I have no objection in principle to the importation of chilled / frozen beef / pork from the ten establishments in the approved list at Annex B on a trial shipment basis subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- (a) Prior written permission for import of beef / pork shall be obtained by Hong Kong importers in advance from this Department;
- (b) Each consignment shall be accompanied by the dual purpose EU document issued by SFVS as attached at Annex A to this letter;

- (c) Only chilled / frozen beef / pork processed by the ten establishments at Annex B as approved for export by SFVS can be exported to the HKSAR;
- (d) The consignments must be transported under proper refrigeration. The consignments of chilled beef / pork must be kept at chilling temperature of between 0⁰C and 4⁰C throughout all stages from the point of chilling at the beef / pork processing plant up to and including the point in which a person receives the imported chilled beef / pork for retail sale in the HKSAR. This temperature requirement applies to any portion of the beef / pork;
- (e) If the consignment transships through a country other than the country of origin, the conditions as stipulated in Annex C as attached shall apply;
- (f) On arrival, the consignment shall be subject to inspection by health inspectors of this Department prior to release;
- (g) An import licence for import of beef / pork shall be obtained from the Food Importer / Distributor Registration and Import Licensing Office of this department and submitted for verification; and
- (h) A list showing all names and addresses of the distributors and retailers to whom the beef / pork is supplied plus the quantity of beef / pork supplied to each individual distributor or retailer shall be provided to this Department upon arrival at the HKSAR.

I must draw your attention that the first three consecutive consignments of chilled / frozen beef / pork will be subject to “hold and test”. Such consignment can only be released to the market for sale after testing results are found satisfactory. If this Department is satisfied with the first three consignments, each of the subsequent three consignments will be sampled for testing, but they can be released for sale before the testing results are available.

There is no limitation on the quantity of beef / pork to be imported in each consignment. Carcasses, cuts, parts and visceral organs can be imported.

The approval for imports is subject to your provision of regular and prompt information on the occurrence of transmissible diseases, and the latest agricultural veterinary chemicals analysis report annually.

Meanwhile, please furnish us with five specimens of the original copy of the dual purpose EU document for our record purpose.

Should you have further questions on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. NG Wai-keung, Chief Health Inspector (Import & Export)1 at (852) 2867 5570.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Christine Wong', written in a cursive style.

(Dr. Christine WONG)
for Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Health Certificate

Part I : Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Address Country		I.2. Certificate reference number	I.2.a. TRACES reference number	
			I.3. Central competent authority		
			I.4. Local competent authority		
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Country		I.6. No.(s) of related original certificates		No.(s) of accompanying documents
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin		
			I.9. Country of destination	ISO code	I.10. Region of destination
	I.11. Place of origin Name Address		Approval number		
			I.12. Place of destination		
	I.13. Place of loading Name Region Postal code (if applicable)		I.14. Date and time of departure		
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Number(s)		I.16. Entry Point		
		I.17. CITES			
I.18. Temperature of products Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>		I.19. Total Gross Weight		I.20. Total number of packages	
I.21. Seal/Container number					
I.22. Commodities certified for: Human consumption: <input type="checkbox"/>					
I.23. Transit through 3 rd country		I.24. For export <input type="checkbox"/>			
I.25. Identification of the commodities					
HS Code	Identification mark	Product description	Type of packaging	Number of packages	
Slaughterhouse	Cutting plant (if applicable)	Cold store	Packing plant	Batch Number	
Date of Slaughter	Date of cutting (if applicable)	Date of chilling/freezing (delete as appropriate)		Net weight	

Part II: Certification	II. Health information	II.a. Certificate Reference number	II.b.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Attestations</p> <p>(1) The meat or meat product(s) herein described come from animals born and raised in [insert name of Member States], slaughtered in [insert name of Member State] and packed in [insert name of Member State]. The slaughterhouses where the animals were slaughtered and/or processing plants where the meat was packed are approved and under regular veterinary-sanitary supervision of the competent veterinary authority;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>(2) The meat or meat product(s) was/were derived from animals that underwent ante and post mortem inspection and did not show signs of infectious and contagious diseases at the time of slaughter;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>(3) The meat has been subject to the testing programmes for harmful organisms, veterinary drug residues and other toxic substances administered by the competent authority. The results of the tests meet the EU performance standards and have not provided any evidence as to the presence of chemical/drug residues or toxic substance that could be harmful to human health. The tissues derived from food animals do not contain prohibited chemicals and the levels of drugs and chemicals in tissues do not exceed Maximum Residue Limits;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>(4) The meat or meat product(s) herein described has/have been dressed, prepared and packed under hygienic conditions in officially approved establishments which are subject to supervision by the official veterinarian. The meat or meat product(s) is/are fit for human consumption and eligible for intra-European Union trade without restriction in accordance with EU legislation and applicable legislation of [insert name of certifying EU Member State].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>(5) The exporting EU Member State must source food animals and their meat from the Member states that have established import protocol with Hong Kong for that particular type of commodity ⁽¹⁾.</p> <p>Additional Health Attestations for Beef (if applicable)</p> <p>(6) The beef or beef product(s) herein described come from animals born in [insert name of Member State] and raised in [insert name of Member State], where OIE has recognized as having a [risk status] BSE risk in accordance with OIE's Terrestrial Animal Health Code;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>(7) The beef or beef product(s) is/are considered safe and recommended for trade, subject to the latest BSE risk status of the individual Member State(s) where the cattle has been fed and slaughtered, and its meat/meat products produced and handled, in accordance with the recommendations made by the OIE under the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>(a) For meat or meat product(s) which come from animals that were slaughtered in an eligible EU Member State that is different from the EU member state from which the consignment is exported, an Export Declaration must be issued. Under such scenario, the Hong Kong importer is required to obtain permission in writing from the Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of Hong Kong.</p> <p>(b) For meat or meat product(s) herein described which come from animals that were slaughtered within the exporting EU member state, this Health Certificate must be issued. No import permission is required in these cases.</p>		

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(HK) Export Declaration for the export of
Pork/Beef/Mutton (Meat/Offal/Meat Products)
From eligible EU Member States to Hong Kong

II. Health information	II.a. Declaration Reference number	II.b.
Health declaration		
Part II: Declaration	(1)	The meat or meat product(s) herein described come from animals born and raised in [insert name of Member States], slaughtered in [insert name of Member State] and packed in [insert name of Member State]. The slaughterhouses where the animals were slaughtered and/or processing plants where the meat was packed are approved and under regular veterinary-sanitary supervision of the competent veterinary authority; and
	(2)	The meat or meat product(s) was/were derived from animals that underwent ante and post mortem inspection and did not show signs of infectious and contagious diseases at the time of slaughter; and
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	(5)	The exporting EU Member State must source food animals and their meat from the Member states that have established import protocol with Hong Kong for that particular type of commodity ⁽¹⁾ .
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Annex B

Approved list of Lithuanian establishments
for export beef / pork to Hong Kong

	Approval number	Name of establishment	Address
1	LT 17 EB	UAB "Utenos mėsa"	Pramonės g. 4, Utena
2	LT 36-09 EB	UAB "Agaras"	Balandiškių k., Biržų r.
3	LT 53-04 EB	AB "Krekenavos agrofirma"	Mantvilonių k., Kėdainių r.
4	LT 55-04 EB	UAB "Pajūrio mėsinė"	Kretingalė, Klaipėdos r.
5	LT 55-05 EB	UAB "Agrovet"	Kretingalė, Klaipėdos r.
6	LT 82-02 EB	UAB "Biovela" mėsos perdirbimo padalinys	Pramonės g. 4, Utena
7	LT 84-02 EB	UAB "Samsonas"	Striūpų km., Šakių raj.
8	LT 88-24 EB	UAB "Klaipėdos mėsinė"	Šilgalių k. , Pagėgių sav.
9	LT 49-04 EB	ŽŪB "Nematekas"	Dovainonių k., Kaišiadorių raj.
10	LT 29-04 EB	UAB "Dora"	Kauno g. 17, Šiauliai

(A) For consignment conveyed in Sealed Refrigerated Containers:

- (i) The consignment shall be loaded for shipment in sealed refrigerated containers in a place outside Hong Kong and be kept under refrigeration throughout its way to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- (ii) The original refrigerated container seal number(s) shall be officially recorded and shown on the health certificate issued by the issuing entity of the place of origin.
- (iii) A written statement shall be given by the shipping company certifying that the refrigerated container seal is intact and has not been tampered with in any way during the stay and transit at the country/place of transit.
- (iv) All records registering the temperatures at which the contents of the refrigerated container have been maintained throughout the voyage to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall be produced for inspection by inspectors of this Department.
- (v) A certificate should be obtained from the surveyor(s) in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, confirming that he/they has/have inspected the refrigerated container(s), and that the seal(s) has/have been found intact and not been tampered with in any way. Such certificate shall be produced for retention by this Department.

(B) For consignment conveyed other than in Sealed Refrigerated Containers:

A transshipment certificate issued by the issuing entity of the country/place of transit, certifying that the goods were properly imported into the country/place of transit and that during the time there they did not suffer any spoilage or deterioration, shall be produced for inspection.