

Enactment of ISA for Animal Products

In accordance with revision of the 「Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control」 on 13 June 2023, as [the Import Sanitation Assessment \(ISA\)](#), currently being conducted for livestock products, will [be expanded to 'Animal products' starting from 14 June 2024](#), importation of animal products will be allowed [only from approved countries](#).

* 'Animal products' indicates edible meat, raw milk and eggs or 'food(processed meat containing products, processed egg containing products and other meat and eggs)' processed with them as main ingredients as defined in Article 2 of the 「Food Sanitation Act」 manufactured.

ISA is an MFDS system which [assesses overall sanitation control system](#) for livestock products of a country [when there is a request for import approval](#) of livestock products from the country, and importation will be finally approved, if verified that its system is [equivalent or stricter than that of Korea](#). This type of verification process is widely being adopted in many countries.

[To expand ISA for animal products](#) before importation will enhance safety of imported food and contribute to [raising Korean consumers' trust against imported foods](#).

Meanwhile, MFDS has given [a grace period](#) to [the countries with previous history](#) of exporting animal products [before enactment](#) of the revised Act(refer to below) so that they will be able to export such products [until 13 June 2025](#).

Thus, any business operators, [who are currently importing animal products from such countries or are intended to import any products from the countries](#), are needed to notify the revision of the Act to [the exporting country's government and applicable establishments for export](#) so that they [apply for import approval](#) to MFDS.

For more details including target product type and the enforcement date, please refer to following. If you have any further inquiries in relation to this matter, please contact the On-site Inspection Division of MFDS(leetaekyung@korea.kr / mscho80@korea.kr).

◆ Target product type

- (Animal Products) 'processed meat containing products' and 'processed egg containing products' 'other meat' and 'other eggs' classified under the 「Korean Food Code」
 - 17-8. Processed meat containing products : Products manufactured or processed using meat as a main ingredient but not classified as livestock products under 17-1 to 17-7 of the Food Code
 - 18-2. Processed egg containing products : Products manufactured or processed using eggs as a main ingredient but not classified as livestock products under 18-1 of the Food Code
 - 21-1. Other meat or other egg products : Meat or eggs obtained from animals not classified as livestock under the 「Livestock Sanitation Control Act」(eggs, carcass, dressed meat, viscera or other edible part of animals for human consumption)

◆ Enforcement date (different by individual countries)

- (Countries allowed for import of raw meat-edible eggs) continue to export animal products to Korea without additional ISA.
 - * The list of countries applicable to this category will be based on the [Appendix] 「Countries(Regions) allowed for Import of Livestock Products and Import Sanitation Requirements」
- (Countries not allowed for import raw meat-edible eggs but with previous history of export to Korea) will be able to export animal products until 13 June 2025(as of Dec 2023, 7 countries*)

* processed meat containing processed products China, Vietnam, Philippines, Belarus, Indonesia

processed egg containing processed products China, Vietnam, India, Malaysia

- If the exporting country's government does not apply for import approval and, therefore, the country is not contained on the list of countries for import approval, **importation of animal products from the country to Korea will not be allowed from 14 June 2025.**

➡ *As procedures for ISA may take more than a year depending on the level of cooperation, it is advised for the government of exporting countries to apply for import approval in time.

- o (Countries **not** allowed for import raw meat-edible eggs and with **no** previous history of export to Korea) will **not be allowed for importation of animal products from 14 June 2024**, so ISA shall be required.

◆ Procedures for ISA (6steps)

- o The same assessment procedures for livestock products will apply to animal products, so when the exporting country's government makes a request for import approval, the procedures will be initiated from the step①.
- * ①Sending the ISA questionnaire → ②Reviewing answers → ③Conducting on-site audit → ④Determining import approval → ⑤Negotiating import sanitation requirements → ⑥Registering establishments allowed for export

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