

**Ministerial Decree Number (460) of the year 2001, concerning
The executive By-law of the Veterinary Quarantine in The
Cooperation Council for The Arab States of The Gulf**

The minister of Agriculture and Fisheries,

In accordance with the Federal Law number (1) of the year 1972 regarding the functions of the ministries and the powers of the ministers, and the laws issued in amendment thereof,

And the Federal Law number (6) of the year 1979 regarding the Veterinary Quarantine and the laws issued in amendment thereof,

And the Cabinet's resolution number (12) of the year 1989 regarding the organizational structure of the ministry,

And the Cabinet's resolution number (1/57) of the year 1999 regarding the Agricultural and the Veterinary Quarantine laws for the Arab States of the Gulf,

And the Cabinet's resolution number (10/219) of the year 2001 regarding the approval on the economical decisions issued by the supreme council of the cooperation council for the Arab States of the gulf in it's 21st session which held in Bahrain during the period from 30-31 of December 2000,

Do hereby promulgate the following law:

Article (1)

The Minister: The Minister of Agriculture in the United Arab Emirates

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The Animal: All animals either tamed or wild animals, including fish and birds, whether for food, breeding, use, ornamental or otherwise.

Slaughtering Animals: Animals imported for the purpose of slaughtering and consumption, or those remaining under veterinary control from date of their arrival until slaughtered.

Breeding Animals: Animals imported for purpose other than slaughtering such as increasing, reproduction, milk production, hybridization and otherwise.

Equine Family: They are horses, mules, donkeys, zebras, and ponies.

Ornamental Animals: Animals used in houses such as parrots, peacocks, house ornamental fish, some kinds of deers and birds.

Animal Products: Fresh, dried, chilled, and frozen processed, smoked powered red and white meat and fish powder. Fresh, dried, & concentrated diary and their products, eggs wither for consumption or hatching, or those used for scientific purposes, semen, embryos, and animal gelatin.

Animal offal: Including whiskers, fresh & dried blood, horns, hooves, hair, wool, hair, skins, power hones, fur, feathers, manure, bones, intestines, rumen, paunch and offal used in manure, fish bones and shells.

Animal fodder: Processed and unprocessed feeds containing meat, chicken, fish and their products, offal used for animal feeding.

Biological Preparation: Vaccines, serums, live, weekend and killed viruses and microbes for using them in diagnosis and animal diseases research, treatment and protection.

Gear: Including saddles, harnesses, rags, covers, bedding, as well as the tools accompanying the animal.

The Supervising Doctor: means the veterinarian in the ministry of agriculture and fisheries, in charge of veterinary quarantine in the inlet station.

The Competent Veterinary Body: the veterinary department in the ministry of agriculture and fisheries, responsible for veterinary quarantine.

The Quarantine: Every building or barn where animals are isolated for veterinary control to be examined and verified that they are Epizootic disease-free and without allowing them to mix with other animals directly or indirectly upon their arrival into the country or into the place allocated for isolating animals and their products.

Epizootic Disease: Any epizootic or contagious diseases as classified in the two lists (A & B) according to OIE classification and any amendments made therefore.

Animal Consignment & Transit: all that is imported into the country, exported from it, or transited its lands, from animals with their kinds, products, derivatives or offal.

The Approved (authenticated) Certificate: The certificate issued by a government, from a country outside GCC. Countries, shall be attested

by the embassy of the state, or any of the embassies of the member states, their representation or whoever acts on their behalf.

The state: The State of the United Arab Emirates, or any State from the Arab Countries of the Gulf

Member States: The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

Article 2

The import and export of all kinds of animals, their products, derivatives, offal, and fodder composed of animal constituents, animal biological preparations, and their gear from and into the UAE shall be subject to the provisions of this by-law. They are prohibited from enter the country except than the following inlets:

Abu Dhabi Int. Airport, Dubai Int. Airport, Alain Int. Airport, Sharjah Int. Airport, Ras Al khaimah Int. Airport, Alfujura Int. Airport, Zayed Port, Rashid Port, Jabal Ali Port, Al Himriya Port, Khalid Port, Khor Fakkan Port, Kalba Port, Alfujura Port, Dibba Alhuson Port, Um-AlQuwain Port Ajman Port, Ras Al Khaimah Port, Dibba Alakamiah (Fujurah) Alghwefat Inlet, Hatta Inlet, Ras Aldara inlet and the inlet of Hhatm Mlaha. The Minister is entitled to regulate the import and export operations and to determine the animal's entry and exit points as observed in the country in which veterinary quarantines are available. The competent minister shall have the right to add other points in accordance with the public interest.

Article (3)

Every one wishes to import or export animals, their products, animal offal, or biological preparation to and from the member states shall submit an application to the concerned ministry to obtain the necessary license from the competent body.

Article (4)

- A.** Consignments of animals, their products, offal, extracts, and biological preparations shall be retained at the veterinary quarantines for observation and conducting the necessary tests prior to their entry.
- B.** Foreign consignments of animals, fodder, biological preparation, and gears from non-member states shall be prohibited from entering the member countries except through approved inlets where veterinary quarantine are available. The respective veterinary body shall have the right to permit, when necessary, the entry of imported animals from all or some of these ports and points of entry and place them in the veterinary quarantines for period fixed by it. Entry of animal coming to the country walking whether for the purpose of slaughtering, grazing, or breeding shall be prohibited prior to examination by the supervising veterinarian and his decision thereon.

Article(5)

Consignments and fodder consumption, industry or otherwise shall be accompanied with the following documents:

- C.** A valid health official veterinary certificate from the country of origin showing the distinguishing marks its origin and that it has been examined directly before their shipment and found free from epizootic and contagious diseases as defined by the respective veterinary body and the certificate shall be signed and stamped with official seal and attested.
- D.** A report from the captain of the ship, the pilot of the plane, or the person in charge of the means of transport regarding the occurrence or non occurrence of death among the imported animals during the trip, and that those animals have not mixed with any other animals infected with any epizootic or contagious diseases, and that they have not been unloaded on or passed during its trip through infected areas. Documents mentioned in part A& B of this article and other documents shall be submitted to the representative of the veterinary quarantine immediately right upon arrival the consignment and prior to unloading.
- E.** A certificate of origin attested by the embassy of the country, if any or by any embassies of the member states.
- F.** As regards the meat imported from outside the Islamic countries, An Islamic slaughter certificate, dully attested shall be attached showing the date of slaughter and date of expiry.
- G.** A valid and attested free-from- radioactive materials certificate issued from the exporting country being suspected of having radioactive leakage, shall be enclosed.

The respective veterinary body shall have the right to confiscate and destroy any consignment, showing upon examination, changes that are feared to cause harm to human health.

Article (6)

Any animal contacting one of the epizootic diseases shall be prohibited from entering any non-number country and also any animal having been mixed during the trip with animals in a country having an epizootic diseases.

Article (7)

Any animal found to be infected with an epizootic diseases upon inspection when arriving from non-member states at any sea port, airport or any boarder point shall be prohibited from entering the country.

The importer shall be asked to return the infected animals to the place they have come from at his own expense, and in the event of finding dead animals with a contagious diseases, they shall be incinerated and buried according to health methods in force.

The concerned country shall notify the secretariat general of the Cooperation Council of the rejected consignments immediately as to notify other member countries.

Article (8)

Animals suspected of having infected with an epizootic or contagious diseases shall be withheld in the quarantine for period not less than the incubation period for the epizootic diseases which they have been

suspected of contacting it for performing the necessary tests in respect of the disease and shall be dealt with in accordance with the health conditions prescribed by the veterinarian.

Article (9)

Slaughter & breeding animals accompanied with the document satisfying all the required conditions stipulated on Article (5) of these regulations and with no suspicion of an epizootic or contagious disease shall be followed to be transported by their owner to the slaughter house or the breeding shed, provided that the supervising veterinarian in the nearest veterinary center to its place of sequestration shall be notified of their arrival to allow him to observe them for a period as he deems necessary.

Article (10)

Animals imported from country where some rules of inoculation against some diseases are not applicable, those animals shall be inoculated and the veterinary admitted into period of the epizootic or contagious disease.

Article (11)

The competent authorities shall have the right to prevent any means of transport from entering the country if it was found out, based on the report of the respective veterinary body, that it carries or was carrying any animal or animal products or animal and extracts infected with one

of contagious diseases and no sterilization was done on the means of transport in such away as to ensure its freedom of infection agents to man and animal.

Article (12)

If any means of transport arrived in to the country and if after examination of its load of animal, products, or animal extracts found to cause harm to man or animal, the respective veterinary body may order sterilization in the way it decides. It has also the right to order placing of the load in the veterinary quarantine to take the necessary measures according to terms stated in Article (5) of this by-law.

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