

Partial amendment notice of Import Health Requirements for straws and forages

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1. Reason for Amendment

To add certain import requirements to the sanitary conditions applied to straws and forages imported into the Republic of Korea and to ensure smooth trade.

2. Legal Basis and Related Laws

Article 34 (2) of the Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases.

3. Key amendments

- Addition of a requirement under the import conditions for forage that it be stored in a storage facility in the exporting country for at least four months prior to export, in isolation without contact with other forage, so as to prevent contamination by pathogens of contagious animal diseases
- Revision of the current method of listing countries exempt from the application of import health requirements in an annex, to a system whereby such countries are publicly notified through the website of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (www.qia.go.kr)
- Establishment of transitional measures allowing, for a period of one year until consultation on health certificates with the exporting country is completed, the importation of such products accompanied by the existing health certificate in accordance with the previous provisions

4. Final date for Comments

Within 30 days from the date of circulation of the notification (the comment period has been shortened since this amendment is a measure to promote trade in accordance with WTO SPS agreement)