

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Trader Notice MH No. 06/2022

To: All operators of DAFM-approved meat establishments

Subject: Certification arrangements for the export of poultry meat and chicken feet to the Republic of Namibia

Background

The Department has agreed certification arrangements for the export of poultry meat to Namibia. Separate certificates have been agreed with the Namibian veterinary authorities for the export of fresh / frozen poultry meat and for frozen / chilled raw chicken feet.

Scope

The certificate for fresh / frozen poultry meat does not provide for the export of offal (including chicken heads). The raw chicken feet certificate is restricted to the named, specified product.

Eligibility

All DAFM-approved poultry establishments which are supervised by an official veterinarian are eligible to produce poultry meat for export to Namibia subject to the following provision.

The meat must be derived from poultry which are hatched and reared in either Ireland or Northern Ireland and slaughtered in Ireland; the meat must be handled / cut / processed, packed and stored at establishments that are under the regulatory control of this department.

Trade can commence once all establishments approved for the export of poultry meat / feet are registered on the Namibian import control system.

Role of the Food Business Operator (FBO)

Any enterprise wishing to export poultry meat / feet to Namibia must advise the responsible Department Veterinary Inspector (VI) in advance and agree a Standard Operating Procedure describing the measures that the FBO will implement to ensure that the certification requirements are met.

An import permit must be obtained in advance of consignment from the Namibian authorities. The import permit number, along with consignee details, must be inserted in the health certificate (VHC) before it is presented to the Veterinary Inspector for signature.

Any required test results must be provided to the Veterinary Inspector when the VHC is presented for signature and the laboratory certificate must also accompany the VHC to its destination

Veterinary Health Certificates

Copies of VHCs, printed on secure stationery, will be made available on request to certifying officers at eligible plants through the usual channels.

Specimens of both certificates will be published concurrently with this trader notice on the DAFM website.

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