Quarantine of Animal livestock and poultry in Thailand

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Structure of the Competent Authority

(Department of Livestock Development)
DLD is the competent authority or the national veterinary authority of Thailand being responsible for:

• prevention, control, and eradication of animal diseases,

• developing and increasing animal products in terms of variety, quantity, and quality to meet the national and international standards,

• encouraging scientific studies and research on animal production and health, and

• Enforcing animal health laws and regulating livestock industries according to the laws.
Livestock Administrative Regions in Thailand

- 9 Regions
- 76 Provinces
- 946 Districts (with 887 District Livestock Offices)
- 7,800 Subdistricts (2,073 Subdistrict Livestock Assistants)
- ~80,000 Villages (Livestock volunteers registered)
DLD Veterinary Laboratories

- National Institute of Animal Health (NIAH)
- 7 Regional Veterinary Research and Development Centers (RVRDC)
- OIE Regional Reference Laboratory for FMD

OIE Reference Laboratory for Brucellosis and other diseases are being prepared.
Laboratory networks

- DLD laboratories
- Universities’ laboratories
- Private laboratories
- Regional/World Reference laboratories
AQS control activities

- Domestic or inland movement controls (32 AQSs)
- Border inspection and movement controls (29 AQSs)
- International movement control i.e. seaport, airports and post office (10 AQSs)

71 AQSs located in 69 provinces throughout Thailand
• 20 checkpoints between poultry zones were established to strengthen animal movement controls in Thailand.

• Budget and human resources allocated
Animal Quarantine Station
Human resources (1)

- Totally, 10,799 DLD officials and contractual staffs
Legislation

- Ministerial Regulation on Import, Export or Transit of Animal and Animal Carcass into or from the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2544 (A.D. 2001)
Procedure for Importation of Animal or Animal Products into the Kingdom of Thailand

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Procedure

1. Veterinary Authority of a country wishing to export animal/animal products to the Kingdom of Thailand express its interest by sending a formal letter addressed to Director-General of Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Thailand.

2. Veterinary service and animal health status of a particular country will be evaluated by:
   a. Information collected by our questionnaire. In case there are some diseases or species of specific concern additional questionnaire may be included.
   b. Inspection of farms/abattoir/processing plants in the exporting country by DLD-veterinary officers is required.

3. Information from the questionnaire and the report of inspection will be evaluated by Animal Health Committee. Special conditions or some omissions may be requested for a particular country depending on the technical recommendation of the Committee.

4. Results of the evaluation and special conditions requested, if there's any, will be informed to Chief Veterinary Officer of the exporting country.

5. Veterinary Authority of the exporting country proposed a drafted animal health certificate for animal/animal products intended to export to Thailand, based on the animal health conditions requested by the DLD (in step 4).

6. The DLD consider the drafted animal health certificate. If all conditions present in the certificate are complied with animal health requirements, the proposed certificate is accepted.

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Part A: General Information on Veterinary Service System

- National Veterinary Authorities (Organization, Responsibility, Authorities, Resource, Capacity etc.)
- Legislation regarding
  - Animal disease control and prevention
  - Food and feed safety
  - Registration, control and monitoring of farm, transportation of animals, slaughterhouse etc
- Animal disease reporting system (Emergency, Normal)
- Notifiable Animal diseases
- Animal disease control and prevention policy, plan and implementation
- Laboratory capacity for diagnosis, food and feed safety
- General animal disease status
- Approval and Certification system for exporting farms and slaughterhouse

Part B: Specific Information depending on commodities, species of animals, disease status of exporting country
Animal Health System

Farm Inspection

Slaughterhouse Inspection

Feed Inspection

Diagnosis & QC System
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Bilateral Agreement on Import Requirements

DLD - Dutch VWA

DLD - Aus DAFF

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• Adjustment of certificate conditions based on
  – Epidemiological information and evidence
  – Differences in law and regulation
  – Differences in Veterinary practice
  – Differences common practice in animal production system
  – Differences in administration system

• The adjustment **MUST** be *scientifically acceptable*, considering “Import Risk” to animal and human health
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**B Import permit and Quarantine Procedure**

1. **Importer**
   - Apply for Import Permit (Form R 1/1)

2. **International Animal Quarantine Station**
   - Document check
   - Inspect quarantine premise or warehouse

3. **Exporting country**
   - Specify health requirements

4. **Issue “Temporary” Import Permit**
   - Animal health check / Inspection of animal products
   - Quarantine period

   - Meet standards
     - Comply with import regulations
     - Issue the ‘Actual’ Import permit (form R7)
     - Animal / Products can enter
   - Not meet standards
     - Not Comply with import regulations
     - Return shipment (if sub-standards)
     - Destroy (if disease suspicion)
Importation by air or by sea the owner of the aircraft or the ship will inform a list of commodities on board to veterinary inspectors at the port of entry prior to arrival.

The commodities can be carried out from the vehicle only after veterinary inspector has checked and allowed them to leave.

Health certificate issued by veterinary authority of exporting country must accompany the shipment.

Hold animals at the DLD quarantine station or DLD-approved quarantine farm.

In case of suspicion, veterinary inspector at the port of entry up to 60 days for lived animals, and 10 days for animal products.

In case of infected animals or disease carriers, measures will be taken according to Departmental Ordinance.

Owner or importer is responsible for the expense during quarantine period.

In case there is suspected outbreak in the locality where the imported animals came from, veterinary inspector at port of entry shall report to the Director-General or assigned officer to place import restriction from that locality.

Government authority is responsible for issuing the certificates which

1. Comply with DLD Import Regulations for animals and animal carcass
2. Contain health condition statements as approved by the DLD
3. Signed by authorized officers. Government authority of exporting country must submit name-list of officers who are authorized to sign health certificates and samples of their signatures as well as official seal beforehand.
Animals or Animal Products that need Import Permit & Health Certificate
Export Certification System

• Trade partner’s import procedures
  – Questionnaire
  – Actual Inspection
• Bilateral / Multilateral Agreements
• Animal certificate Model
  – Proposed
  – Approved
• Control and Monitoring of Production System to meet requirements of importing countries
• Issue export certificate
• Re-inspection by importing countries
Thank you