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Dear Dr Lin

Change in certification requirements for organic meat and meat products to Taiwan

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is the Australian Government authority responsible for issuing export certification for agricultural products exported from Australia. On behalf of the department, I am writing regarding the implementation of new certification requirements for organic meat and meat products exported to Taiwan.

Following correspondence between Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) and the department's representative in Taiwan, Rebecca Liu, the department is pleased to advise that it will be implementing the agreed upon additional certification requirements of organic meat and meat products from 1 September 2017 onwards. All consignments of organic meat and meat products will be accompanied by the additional attestation;

"Australian origin organic agricultural products and organic processed products were produced or processed in accordance with the National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce. Australian origin organic livestock for meat products exported to Taiwan were managed without the use of chemically synthesised allopathic veterinary medical products."

The attestation will be provided on a certificate or document issued by the organic certifying body; this certificate/document will be separate to and will accompany the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' Organic Produce Certificate (OPC). The OPC number will be provided on the accompanying certificate/document to allow COA officials to cross-reference the two certificates.

I look forward to receiving your response at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the department through Ms. Rebecca Liu at the Australian Office in Taipei at Rebecca.Liu@dfat.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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- rotational grazing management; and
 - ensuring an appropriate density of livestock, thus avoiding animal health problems, overstocking and land degradation; and
 - the provision of adequate and high quality feed produced in accordance with this Standard.
- 1.17.2 Products listed in Appendix D of this Standard are permitted only where the practices of 1.17.1 are, or would be, insufficient.
- 1.17.3 If despite all preventative measures, an animal becomes sick or injured it must immediately have appropriate treatment.
- 1.17.4 The use of medicinal remedies under organic management practices must comply with the following procedure:
- in the first instance, the provision of phytotherapeutic (e.g. plant extracts/essences etc.) or homeopathic products (e.g. plant, animal or mineral substances), or
 - if the above products are not successful and are unlikely to become effective in combating illness or injury and further treatment is essential to avoid suffering or distress to the animal, allopathic veterinary drugs or antibiotics may be used in accordance with veterinary direction.
- 1.17.5 The use of veterinary drugs on livestock in the absence of illness is prohibited.
- 1.17.6 Where specific disease or health problems occur and no alternative permissible treatment or management practice exists under this Standard, or where treatment is required by law; the following applies:
- Therapeutic use of allopathic veterinary drugs or antibiotics is permitted. After such treatment, livestock cannot be sold as organic or bio-dynamic. Their products and/or progeny can be marketed as organic or bio-dynamic after a minimum management period as outlined in Table 1 of 1.14.3.
 - Livestock treated with substances not listed in this Standard must be identified and quarantined from other livestock for at least three times the withholding period or three weeks, whichever is the greater, specified for the treatment under relevant laws.
 - For a period of at least twelve months after quarantine, such areas shall only be used for livestock production. Crops labelled as organic or bio-dynamic intended for human consumption can be grown on the area after this period.
- 1.17.7 Use of vaccines is permitted only where the operator can demonstrate that management practices are insufficient to guard against disease and illness.
- 1.17.8 Caution must be applied when using allopathic veterinary drugs as some medications (especially vaccines) may contain GMO or GMO derived substances. Where such medications are derived from GMO production, the animal(s) and/or their produce will never regain in-conversion, organic or bio-dynamic certification status.

1.18 Livestock welfare

Standards

- 1.18.1 The welfare of livestock is paramount and Commonwealth, State and Territory legislative requirements, including surgical treatment restrictions apply.

有機農產品及有機農產加工品驗證管理辦法

第六條附件一

有機農產品及有機農產加工品驗證基準

第一部分 共同基準

一、 包裝

- (一)包裝方法及材料應以簡單為原則，避免過度包裝。
- (二)應採用可生物降解、可循環再利用或再製之包裝材料，惟上述包裝材料無法取得或不適用時，方可使用一般之包裝材料。
- (三)禁止使用含有殺菌劑、防腐劑、燻蒸劑、殺蟲劑、可遷移螢光劑、禁用物質和基因改造生物等之包裝材料及其他會污染產品之包裝材料。
- (四)允許使用二氧化碳及氮氣作為包裝填充劑及使用真空包裝。
- (五)儘量使用對人體無害之印刷油墨及黏著劑。

二、 儲藏

- (一)有機農產品於儲藏過程中不得受到其他物質污染，倉庫必須乾淨、衛生、無有害物質殘留，且未經禁用物質處理。
- (二)除常溫儲藏外，允許使用空氣、溫度及濕度等調控方法進行儲藏。
- (三)有機農產品如與非有機農產品存放於同一倉庫時，應加以區隔並明確標示，以避免產品混淆。

三、 運輸與配售

- (一)運輸工具於裝載有機農產品前應清洗乾淨並保持清潔，運輸過程中應避免受到污染。
- (二)有機農產品於運輸與配售過程中，不得損毀其外包裝上之標示及有關說明。
- (三)有機農產品與非有機農產品一同運輸或配售時，產品須經妥善包裝及加以區隔並明確標示，以避免產品混淆。

四、 紀錄

(7) 畜禽之飼養密度應依畜禽種類、品系及年齡並考量畜禽舒適及福祉訂定，各種類畜禽所需之畜禽舍面積不得低於附表六所定之最小面積基準。

8. 放牧生產之環境應符合本基準第三部分之相關規定。

(四) 保健

1. 有機畜禽應選擇適合本地條件與具抗流行性疾病及寄生蟲之品種。
2. 畜禽舍及放牧地應符合生物安全條件，以防範疾病之發生及蔓延，並有足夠的活動空間。
3. 允許使用合法且需要的疫苗接種。
4. 有機畜禽產品之生產者，在畜禽的保健管理上應遵守下列事項：

(1) 在沒有疾病發生的情況下，不得使用任何疫苗以外之動物用藥。

(2) 肉用畜禽不得使用化學合成驅蟲劑，其它畜禽於例行作業時，亦不得使用化學合成驅蟲劑。

(3) 畜禽受傷或發生疾病時應立即治療，避免讓畜禽受苦，必要時應予以隔離並提供適宜的場所。

5. 有機農場於畜禽治療時之用藥須遵守下列原則：

(1) 應優先使用具調理效果之本草療法、順勢療法、維生素及微量元素。

(2) 若上述調理方法對動物保健不能產生效果，且無法降低畜禽痛苦與緊迫時，則可由獸醫師施用對抗療法之化學合成藥品或抗生素。

(3) 禁止使用對抗療法之化學合成藥品或抗生素進行預防性治療。

6. 有機畜禽於前目對抗療法用藥時，應符合下列規定：

(1) 停藥時間應為法定停藥期限之兩倍以上，且不得低於四十八小時。

(2) 飼養期一年以上之畜禽，一年間之療程應在二個以下。

(3) 飼養期一年以內之畜禽，一年間之療程應在一個以下。

(4) 肉用畜禽於飼養期間不得有任何療程。

未依前述對抗療法用藥規定之畜禽產品均不得以有機名義販售。但經驗證機構同意且經轉型期者，不在此限。

■ Organic Agricultural Product and Organic Agricultural Processed Product Certification Management Regulations

Appendix 1

Amended Provisions of the Certification Criteria for Organic Agricultural Products and Organic Agricultural Processed Products

Part I Common criteria

1. Packaging

- (1) Packaging methods and materials should be based on a simple principle and, avoid excessive packaging.
- (2) Packaging materials should be biodegradable, recyclable, or reusable. However, ordinary packaging materials may be used if the foregoing packaging materials are not available or not applicable.
- (3) The use of packaging materials containing germicides, preservatives, fumigants, pesticides, migrating fluorescent agents, prohibited substances, or genetically-modified organisms is prohibited; the use of any other packaging materials that may contaminate the product is also prohibited.
- (4) Carbon dioxide and nitrogen used as packaging fillers and vacuum packaging are allowed.
- (5) Printing inks and adhesives should be harmless to human bodies whenever possible.

2. Storage

- (1) Organic agricultural products should not be contaminated by other substances during the storage process. Warehouses must be clean, sanitary, no residue of harmful substances and must not be treated with prohibited substances.
- (2) Besides the room temperature storage, the use of controlled method of atmosphere, temperature, and humidity in storage is allowed.
- (3) When organic agricultural product and non-organic agricultural products are stored in the same warehouse, the two types of products shall be segregated and clearly labeled in order to avoid product confusion.

3. Transportation and delivery

- (1) Before loading the organic agricultural products the transportation vehicles shall be cleaned, and kept clean during the transportation process to avoid contamination.
- (2) Labels and relevant instructions on the outer packaging of organic agricultural product should not be destroyed during the transport and delivery process.
- (3) When organic agricultural products and non-organic agricultural products are transported or delivered together, the products must be appropriately packaged, and must be segregated and appropriately labeled to avoid product confusion.

4. Records

- (h) The environment for pasture production shall comply with the third part of these Criteria.

(4) Health care

- a. Selection of organic livestock shall be those breeds or strains that are adapted to local conditions and resistant to diseases and parasites.
- b. Housing and pastureland shall conform to anti-epidemic conditions so as to prevent outbreak and spread of diseases. In addition, the space must be adequate.
- c. Legitimate and necessary vaccine is permitted.
- d. The producer of an organic livestock operation must observe the following requirements:

- (a) Not to use veterinary medicine, except vaccine, in the absence of illness;
- (b) Not to use chemically synthetic parasiticides to livestock for meat products, or to other livestock on routine basis;
- (c) For an animal that is injured or sick, to have it be treated immediately, if necessary put in isolation with a suitable housing.
- e. In organic farm, the use of veterinary medicine to treat animals shall comply with the following principles:
 - (a) Therapeutic effective phytotherapeutic, homeopathic products, vitamins, and trace elements shall be used preferentially;
 - (b) If the use of above products is not effective in combating illness or injury, and avoiding suffering or stress to the animal, chemically synthesized allopathic veterinary medical products or antibiotics may be used under the responsibility of a veterinarian; and
 - (c) The use of chemically synthesized allopathic veterinary medical products or antibiotics for preventive treatments is prohibited.

f. If organic livestock use chemically synthesized allopathic veterinary medical products, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) The withdrawal period of such medical products must be twice the legal withdrawal period, and no less than 48 hours- ;
- (b) If the productive lifecycle of animal is more than one year, the treatment shall not be more than two courses of treatment within one year;
- (c) If the productive lifecycle of animal is less than one year, the treatment shall not be more than one course of treatment; and
- (d) Livestock for meat products shall not have any such treatment.

Livestock not complying with the above rules shall not be sold as organic products. This shall not apply if the animals are put through conversion period and approved by certification bodies.

7. Pest control and compost management