

## **A Brief Procedure for Import of Live Animals and/or Animal Products into the Kingdom of Thailand**

1. The national veterinary authority (competent authority) of a country wishing to export live animals and/or animal products into the Kingdom of Thailand shall submit a formal request to the Director General, Department of Livestock Development (DLD).
2. The formal request shall be submitted to the Market Access committee for consideration.
3. The DLD officially sends a questionnaire including veterinary services, animal health, public health and/or food safety aspects which the national animal health authority of the exporting country should complete and return to the DLD in due course.
4. The completed questionnaire shall be submitted to Food Safety and Risk Assessment Committee, and Experts on Livestock Development for a Specific Animal Type for risk assessment.
5. If the completed questionnaire provides satisfactory information, the DLD officials will send the pre - onsite questionnaire and propose to carry out an on-site inspection at the exporting country such as farms/abattoirs/processing plants/cold storages/laboratory/port of exit and quarantine premises.
6. The DLD auditor team shall submit the audit report to the Food Safety and Risk Assessment Committee, and Experts on Livestock Development for a Specific Animal Type for risk assessment for consideration.
7. If the result of the on-site inspection is satisfactory, the DLD official will consult with the national veterinary authority (competent authority) of the exporting country in developing the import requirements for each particular item of import, and will submit the import requirements to the Market Access committee for consideration.

8. The national veterinary authority (competent authority) shall submit a draft health certificate comply with import requirements, official stamp sample, official signature, and/or a draft electronic health certificate. If the draft of health certificate and/or electronic health certificate is satisfactory, the DLD will send the official letter to approve agreed health certificate and/or electronic health certificate.
9. The DLD formally submit the detail of country and approved farms/establishments on DLD website.

Remarks: The import approval is valid for three years. Re-inspection is required for renewal of the approval.

**Disclaimer**

This is a provisional translation of the procedure. Only the original Thai text was adopted as a legal text. This translation is prepared solely for a reference material to aid in the understanding of Thai text – the Department of Livestock Development Notification on Procedure for import of live animals and/or animal products into the Kingdom of Thailand 2018 dated 5 November 2018.