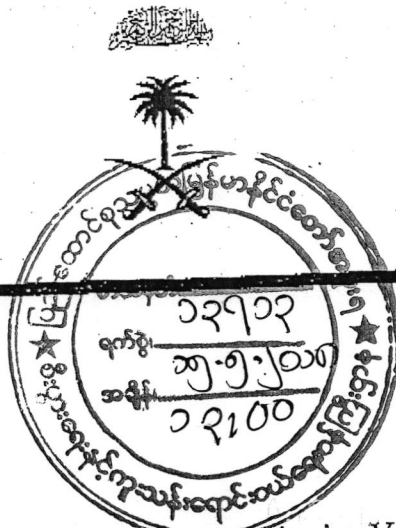


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The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Yangon presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Union of Myanmar and has the honour to refer to the Embassy Note Verbale 248/091/2018 dated 27th April 2018 and would like to attached herewith a copy of "Process for Approving Foreign Competent Control Authorities and Establishments Interested In Exporting meat and Poultry Meat and Their Products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)" issued by Saudi Food and Drug Authority.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia appreciates the esteemed Ministry's kind assistance in forwarding the above-mentioned information to the concerned Ministry accordingly.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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**Process for Approving Foreign Competent Control Authorities and Establishments
Interested in Exporting meat and Poultry Meat and Their Products to the Kingdom of
Saudi Arabia (KSA)**

Purpose

This document aims to verify the procedures carried out by the competent control authority responsible for food safety in countries interested in exporting meat and poultry meat and their products to KSA. This step paves the way for assigning the competent authority the responsibility of approving abattoirs, meat and poultry processing plants interested in exporting their products to Saudi market.

First: Requirements for approving a foreign competent control authority:

1. The competent control authority seeking an approval must be in a country from which the import of meat and poultry meat and their products is not subject to a temporary ban.
2. Completion of all the requirements listed in the SFDA assessment questionnaire for a competent authority in a country wishing to export meat and poultry meat and their products to KSA.

Approval Process for Competent control authority

1. **Application:**
The competent control authority sends a request for approval to the (SFDA)/ Food Sector through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicating all the possible contact information (Tel No., Fax No., Email Address, etc.), and person(s) who will be communicated with.
2. **Questionnaire Submission:**
If the request is granted, the aforementioned assessment questionnaire is sent by SFDA (via email or any other possible means of communication) to the competent control authority for completion.
3. **Filling out the Questionnaire:**
The assessment questionnaire is filled out by the concerned person(s) in the competent control authority (or whoever acts upon their behalf) within sixty days starting from the date it is officially received. Upon completion, the questionnaire is submitted to SFDA through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (sending a soft copy by email to SFDA).
4. **Evaluating the Questionnaire:**
After the assessment questionnaire is completed and submitted by the competent control authority, the questionnaire will be evaluated by SFDA. Upon the completion of all the



- required documents, the SFDA communicates with the competent control authority in the exporting country to coordinate an SFDA Technical Team visit.
5. **Technical Team Visit**
A professional Technical Team is formed by SFDA to visit the control body and a number of meat and poultry meat establishments in order to ensure that the competent control authority in the exporting country is actually conducting supervision to these facilities as per the Technical regulations and health requirements approved in Saudi Arabia. The visit shall also include relevant facilities such as central reference labs, quarantines, animal farms and other control bodies. The duration and schedule of the visit must be determined in advance.
 6. **Final Report**
The professional technical team shall comprehensively report their observations about the visit. In case the report incorporates some non-compliances, the competent control authority is informed and requested to provide a report of the corrective actions taken supported by the necessary documents within a maximum period of 90 days.
 7. **Post-visit Approval of the Control Authority**
A competent control authority is considered for approval by SFDA when the assessment questionnaire is finalized and the post-visit observations (if any) were taken into account.

Secondly: Approving Establishments
When the competent control authority in the exporting country granted an approval by SFDA, it is authorized to approve establishments to export meat and poultry meat and their products to K.S.A. provided that these establishments are subject to its control and in line with the SFDA approved technical regulations and standard specifications, as well as export requirements. The competent control authority must provide in advance a list of accredited establishments interested in exporting their products to K.S.A. for SFDA to consider the possibility of export permission. SFDA retains the right to conduct random on-site audits for these establishments at any time deemed appropriate. The visit will be arranged in combination with the competent control authority in the exporting country.

(Meat: refers to meat from cattle, sheep, goats and camel)