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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

### **REVISED EXPORT CONDITIONS FOR BEEF FROM FRANCE**

France has reported a confirmed classical case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in a five-year-old cattle in the Ardennes Department. As such, OIE has re-classified France's BSE status to "controlled risk" with effect from 25 March 2016.

In view of the BSE status change, AVA-approved establishments in France will only be eligible to export deboned beef from cattle under 30 months of age to Singapore. Bone-in beef from cattle of all ages, offal and processed beef products will not be allowed. The revised Veterinary health certification requirements for beef from France are shown in the attached Annex.

Please contact Mr Lai or Ms Lily Suryani at 6805 2857 / 6805 2855 should you have any enquiries on the import of beef and beef products.

Yours faithfully

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**Veterinary health certification for each consignment of beef export from France**

1. France has been free from Foot and Mouth Disease and Rinderpest during the last six (6) months immediately prior to date of slaughter of the animals and the date of export of the product to Singapore.
2. The cattle have been slaughtered under official veterinary supervision, have been subjected to veterinary examination immediately before and after slaughtering, and have been found sound and free from infectious and contagious diseases.
3. The slaughter of the animal and processing, packing and storage of meat were carried out under sanitary conditions under official veterinary supervision in the above-mentioned establishment(s) that have been approved by the Director-General, Agri-Food and Veterinary Services for export to Singapore.
4. The meat products have not been treated with and do not contain chemical preservatives or foreign substances injurious to human health.
5. The meat products for export are sound, wholesome and fit for human consumption and every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination prior to export.
6. The deboned beef cuts were derived from cattle that are:
  - (a) Less than thirty (30) months of age,
  - (b) Born and raised in France,
  - (c) Not found to be suspect or confirmed BSE cases, and are not suspect or confirmed progeny or cohorts of BSE cases as described in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code adopted by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE),
  - (d) Slaughtered in France using methods which did not include a stunning process with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process,
  - (e) Specified risk materials (brain, eye, spinal cord and vertebral column from cattle 30 months and older, and the distal ileum and tonsils from all cattle) have been cleanly removed from products for export to Singapore without contamination of the meat,
  - (f) Knives, steels and other tools, excluding carcass splitting saws, that are used to sever and remove the spinal cord must be used exclusively on carcasses of animals less than 30 months of age.