

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND INNOVATION IN ICELAND  
ON QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FISH MEAL, FISH OIL  
AND OTHER AQUATIC ANIMAL PROTEINS AND OILS TO BE EXPORTED  
FROM ICELAND TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as GACC) and the Ministry of Industries and Innovation (hereafter referred to as MoII), through friendly negotiations, reached the following agreement on the quarantine and health requirements for fish meal, fish oil and other aquatic animal proteins and oils to be exported from Iceland to China:

**Article 1**

The Plants producing fish meal, fish oil and other aquatic animal proteins and oils which intend to export their products to China should be approved by the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (hereafter MAST), assigned by MoII and registered by the GACC.

**Article 2**

The fish meal, fish oil and other aquatic animal proteins and oils shall be produced under the supervision of MAST, meet the requirements of the Icelandic legislation and be allowed for free sale.

**Article 3**

The fish meal, fish oil and other aquatic animal proteins and oils shall be exported to China only if they meet the following requirements:

1. The Plants should implement hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) system or be managed on the basis of the HACCP principles. The Plants must establish and carry out a system to ensure the recall and traceability of products.
2. The raw materials for fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins and oils shall come from aquatic animals caught in the domestic sea area or in the open sea and farming of aquatic animals, or aquatic animal by-products from plants which manufacture aquatic

products for human consumption. The raw materials must not come from aquatic animals killed for disease eradication or the dead aquatic animals. The product must not contain any ingredients of other non-aquatic animal and should not be contaminated by any products of animal origin from third countries.

3. The products have been subject to a heat treatment with core temperature no less than 85°C for at least 15 minutes throughout its substances, or any other equivalent treatment recognized by the Chinese side.
4. No raw materials of unknown animal origin and prohibited substances shall be used during the production according to Icelandic laws and regulations.
5. Effective measures have been taken to prevent contamination both during and post the production process.
6. The products do not contain any hazardous substances which pose a risk to animal health, and must be in compliance with the safety and hygiene standards of China.
7. Except for those countries or regions recognized by OIE as negligible bovine transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk, all fish oil, fish meal or other aquatic animal proteins intending to export to the People's Republic of China must be subject to tests by officially approved laboratories using PCR with negative results to ruminant ingredients.
8. The products shall be packaged in new, clean materials, and effective measures should be taken during transportation to avoid contamination.
9. Random samples must be taken and tested (before dispatch) to verify compliance with the following standards:

Salmonella: absence in 25g;  $n=5, c=0, m=0, M=0$ ;

Enterobacteriaceae:  $n=5, c=2, m=10, M=300$  in 1g.

Where:

$n$  = number of samples to be tested;

$m$  = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed  $m$ ;

$M$  = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is  $M$  or more; and

$c$  = Maximum number of samples greater than or equal to  $m$  and less than  $M$ , the samples are still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other samples is  $m$  or less.

#### **Article 4**

The label of products shall meet the following requirements;

1. The label of products shall comply with the requirements of national standard of China for feed label (GB 10648);
2. The products shall state warnings, such as “not for human consumption” or “use only as feed”.

#### **Article 5**

MAST shall be responsible for the inspection and quarantine of fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins and oils to be exported to China and issue the health certificate to certify that the products meet the requirements of Article 3 of this protocol.

#### **Article 6**

Each consignment of fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins and oils exported to China shall be accompanied by a health certificate issued by MAST which shall contain Chinese. Before starting the trade, the certificate sample should be confirmed by both sides, and then MAST shall provide the GACC with 50 copies certificate sample with valid stamp.

#### **Article 7**

The Icelandic side should notify the GACC with at least one week's notice if there is any change of the certificate issued by MAST in Iceland, and shall provide the GACC with 50 copies certificate sample with new valid stamp.

#### **Article 8**

Upon the agreement of both sides, this protocol can be amended.

#### **Article 9**

This protocol will come into force on the date of signing, shall be effective for the period of five years and being automatically extended for another five years unless one of the sides notifies the other side of its intention to amend or terminate this protocol by a written

notification at least six months before the expiration date. Either side shall notify the other side in writing of its intention to terminate this protocol six months in advance.

#### **Article 10**

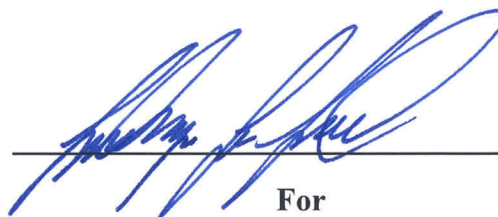
This protocol is signed in Iceland on 24 May 2019, done in duplicate in Chinese and English, the two versions being equally authentic.



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**For**

**the General Administration of Customs of  
the People's Republic of China**



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**For**

**the Ministry of Industries and  
Innovation in Iceland**