

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND
INNOVATION OF ICELAND
FOR GREASY WOOL TO BE IMPORTED FROM ICELAND TO THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Chinese Side) and The Ministry of Industries and Innovation of Iceland (hereinafter referred to as the Icelandic Side) have agreed to the following health requirements for greasy wool to be imported from Iceland to the People's Republic of China.

Article 1

The Icelandic Side shall be responsible for the inspection and quarantine of greasy wool to be exported to China. The original veterinary health certificate should accompany each consignment of the greasy wool to be exported to China.

The language used in the veterinary health certificate should include Chinese and English. The certificate sample and official stamp will come into operation after being checked by the Chinese Side.

Article 2

The Icelandic Side confirms that Iceland is free from Foot and Mouth Disease, Peste des petits ruminants, Bluetongue, Sheep Pox and Goat Pox in accordance with the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

Should one of these above-mentioned diseases occur in Iceland, the Icelandic Side shall inform the Chinese Side timely of the relevant information, including the disease name, the geographic coordinates and address of infected farm(s), the species and number of infected animal(s), and the measures taken to control the disease spreading. Moreover, the Icelandic Side shall, without any delay, stop the exporting of greasy wool from the whole country to the People's Republic of China.

Article 3

Animals from which the greasy wool was obtained originate from the farms, slaughterhouse(s) and storage warehouse(s) (in a radius of at least 50 km from the farms of origin, slaughterhouse and storage warehouse), where there has been no outbreak of Scrapie, Rift Valley fever, Brucellosis, Maedi-visna, Q-fever, Contagious agalactia, Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, Enzootic abortion of ewes, Salmonellosis (*S. abortusovis*),

Tuberculosis, Echinococcosis, Sheep scab and Hydatidosis in a period of 6 months before transport of these animals to the slaughterhouse.

In case of occurrence of one of the above-mentioned diseases, the Icelandic Side shall inform the Chinese Side and stop all issuance of health certificate for greasy wool from relevant farms, slaughterhouse(s) and storage warehouse(s).

Article 4

The greasy wool originates from the original farm, slaughterhouse, storage warehouse and embarkation port where no restriction or surveillance zone has been established due to Anthrax which can be transmitted via the greasy wool.

Article 5

The above-mentioned greasy wool has been obtained from shearing of sheep at the farms of origin. All sheep farms in Iceland are inspected by Icelandic authorities on a regular basis, the frequency of the inspections is based on risk analysis, the holdings' production and information from former visits. The animals did not show any sign of infectious diseases, were not restricted or culled due to infectious diseases and met the animal health requirements before shearing. In the case of the wool originating from sheep that have been slaughtered in a slaughterhouse, an ante mortem inspection was carried out by an official or authorized veterinarian by which the animals showed no signs of infectious diseases and met the animal health requirements before slaughter, according to requirements of the Icelandic authorities.

Article 6

Storage warehouses exporting greasy wool to China shall be approved and supervised by Iceland and registered by the Chinese Side before exporting to China

Article 7

During the processing, storage and transportation, necessary measures have been taken to avoid any cross-contamination by animal disease pathogens and others.

Article 8

The greasy wool should not contain animal tissue, dung, soil and harmful weeds.

Article 9

Each consignment of greasy wool will be sheared, packaged, sealed and marked under the supervision of the veterinarian authorized by the Icelandic Side.

Article 10

This Protocol may be amended by mutual agreement. If one Side needs to amend the protocol, it shall notify the other Side in writing six months in advance.

Article 11

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 12

This Protocol is signed in Iceland on 24 May 2019, in both Chinese and English. The Chinese and English versions are equivalent.



On behalf of

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

On behalf of

**The Ministry of Industries and Innovation
of Iceland**