

Import conditions of PAOs in third countries

Health requirements for products exported from Iceland to third countries (countries outside the EEA) are based on the conditions of the concerned receiving country. Therefore, conditions may differ between countries and different products. Discussions between the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST) and the veterinary authority in the concerned country take place before a protocol is agreed upon and the conditions and certificate forms are implemented.

Certificates issued by the MAST are based on information provided by the exporter. The exporter must ensure that all submitted information is correct, e.g. details of the consignor, consignee, exact quantity of goods, date of shipment, etc. Certain important information such as labels and container and seal numbers must be verified upon inspection of the shipment at or before loading on a transport device.

When issuing a veterinary certificate for export of animal products, MAST confirms that all the conditions that the receiving country makes for this particular product are met. It is therefore imperative that all the information on which the certificate is based is accurate.

Procedures for issuance of veterinary certificate for export of PAOs

1. Health certificates must be issued before the product is shipped from Iceland.
2. Application for a veterinary health certificate must be submitted by e-mail to MAST, office of import & export (utflutningur@mast.is). Application must contain 1) a completed and signed loading document; 2) photos of consignment; 3) a completed correct veterinary health certificate form. Veterinary certificates are issued on business days, within 24 hours of application.
3. Loading document: Consignments shall be inspected and photographed before a certificate is issued. For each shipment, the exporter or producer must complete a loading document. Digital photographs shall be taken of the consignment according to „loading certificate photos instructions“. Products and packages must be labeled with the producer/establishment name and number.
4. Upon receiving an application for a veterinary certificate it is reviewed by veterinary officers. If there is a discrepancy in the submitted documents, the applicant is contacted and a correction requested.
5. Once the veterinary certificate is issued, the applicant will receive the original and one copy of the certificate. One copy is filed at MAST. Additional copies / scanned copies may be requested. Certificates will be delivered at MAST, office of import and export at Dalshraun 1B, 220 Hafnarfjörður, or sent by mail to the applicant if requested.
6. The cost of the above is according to the official MAST tariff and will be charged to the exporter.