

# Animal Health Requirements for the Importation of Pigs from USA

(In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern.)

1. Pigs shall be imported only from countries or zones recognized by the Council of Agriculture as free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, and African swine fever.
2. The pigs shall originate from states or zones where vesicular stomatitis has not occurred in the previous year.

The farms of origin shall be complied with:

- (1) The brucellosis, enterovirus encephalomyelitis (Teschen/Talfan disease), tuberculosis, hog cholera, pseudorabies, swine vesicular disease, vesicular exanthema, porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome, and swine hemorrhagic septicemia (pasteurellosis) have not been occurred in the previous year; and
  - (2) The atrophic rhinitis, hemophilus pneumonia, transmissible gastroenteritis, leptospirosis, toxoplasmosis, swine influenza, and swine erysipelas have not occurred during the past 6 months.
3. The pigs shall be detained for pre-export quarantine for at least 14 days prior to shipment in the approved isolated quarantine premises under the supervision of veterinarians of, or veterinarians accredited by, the animal quarantine authority. During the pre-export quarantine, the animals shall be inspected as free from clinical evidence of any communicable disease and subject to the following tests with negative results:
    - (1) Foot and mouth disease: serum neutralization test (virus neutralization, VN) or enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or complement fixation test (CFT).
    - (2) African swine fever: indirect immuno-peroxidase plaque staining test or ELISA.
    - (3) Rinderpest: ELISA or VN.
    - (4) Tuberculosis: intradermal tuberculin test.
    - (5) Brucellosis: ELISA or CFT or Buffered *Brucella* antigen test (BBAT) or Fluorescence polarization assay (FPA).
    - (6) Swine vesicular disease: VN or ELISA.
    - (7) Pseudorabies: VN or ELISA.

- (8) Vesicular stomatitis: VN or ELISA or CFT.
- (9) Toxoplasmosis: hemagglutination test or latex agglutination test or ELISA.
- (10) Transmissible gastroenteritis: VN or ELISA.
- (11) Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome: indirect immunofluorescent antibody test (IIFA) or immuno-peroxidase monolayer assay (IPMA) or ELISA.
- (12) Other diseases and diagnostic tests provisionally designated:  
Porcine epidemic diarrhea: RT-PCR.

The diagnostic tests described above may be exempted for the countries where, according to the report of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) or the relevant epidemiological information, have been free from the above diseases for more than 5 years.

- 4. The pigs shall not be vaccinated against foot and mouth disease, African swine fever, or any other vaccine that has not been approved by the animal quarantine authority of this country.
- 5. The pigs shall be transported with clean containers and vehicles disinfected with officially approved disinfectant. In addition, the pigs shall not be transshipped through countries or zones where foot and mouth disease, rinderpest or African swine fever is known to occur. No supplementary feed, fodder or beddings shall be supplied or other animals be loaded during the transportation.
- 6. To import pigs, an original veterinary certificate in English issued by the animal quarantine authorities of the exporting country should be provided. The certificate should include dates of quarantine detention, dates of sample collections, name of the test laboratory, methods and results of the tests, and the relevant information designated in Articles 2 to 4 of these Requirements.