

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY OF REPUBLIC OF
NAMIBIA
AND
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF QUALITY SUPERVISION, INSPECTION
AND QUARANTINE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON QUARANTINE AND VETERINARY HEALTH CONDITIONS OF BEEF TO BE
EXPORTED FROM NAMIBIA TO CHINA**

Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry of Republic of Namibia (MAWF) and The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ), through friendly negotiations, reach the following agreement regarding the quarantine and veterinary health conditions of beef in FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced of Namibia to be exported to China:

Article 1

MAWF shall be responsible for the inspection and quarantine of beef to be exported to China and the issuing of veterinary certificate.

Article 2

MAWF shall be responsible for providing AQSIQ with the laws and regulations governing the slaughtering and processing plants, as well as inspection and quarantine programs, methods, procedures and standards of beef to be exported. MAWF shall provide AQSIQ with samples of the quarantine stamps, anti-counterfeiting veterinary certificate, and signatures of official veterinarian, quarantine and inspection mark, information and relation of establishments (including slaughtering, cutting and storing) for AQSIQ's reference.

MAWF shall notify AQSIQ one month in advance of any impending modification and changes to the above.

Article 3

MAWF will be responsible for providing information on prevention and control systems against the animal diseases listed in article 4 and article 5 of this Protocol and making annual report available to AQSIQ according to AQSIQ's demand.

MAWF shall implement national residue monitoring and control plan and shall regularly provide its annual residue monitoring and control plan and report to AQSIQ every year.

MAWF shall implement national microbiological monitoring and control plan and shall regularly provide its annual plan and report to AQSIQ every year.

AQSIQ may assign delegation to Namibia, where necessary, to verify disease control and prevention systems and residue monitoring and control program of Namibia. MAWF shall provide necessary assistance and convenience.

Article 4

MAWF officially confirms that its territory is free from Rinderpest, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), and Vesicular stomatitis, and there is no occurrence of Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) and Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) case(s) in the FMD free area specified by China.

MAWF shall implement zoning management for foot and mouth disease (FMD) which has been approved

by OIE, and shall provide information of zoning, including geography location, population of livestock, meat establishment for export, surveillance, as well as policy and measures related to FMD control in each zone.

MAWF shall conduct surveillance and prevention program for BSE according to OIE code and surveillance result indicates that no BSE case occur in the country.

In case that there are any outbreaks of diseases listed above (FMD break out in FMD free area specified by China) or other bovine-related serious diseases of concern as determined by MAWF and AQSIQ, or serious incident of food contamination in Namibia, MAWF will immediately inform AQSIQ the situation in detail and temporarily suspend exports to China in accordance with international practice, and recall the beef which is or may be contaminated. Similarly, if there are outbreaks of other diseases affecting cattle which is concerned by China or Namibia, or other food contamination accident, MAWF shall immediately inform AQSIQ the situation as well as temporarily suspend exports of meat products and the potentially affected meat products to China from affected area in accordance with international practice, and recall the beef which is or may be contaminated.

In order to resume exports to China, MAWF should provide AQSIQ with a detailed report containing information on the status of the disease or food contamination, management measures that the disease or contamination is under control. MAWF should then negotiate with AQSIQ the conditions for the resumption of exports in accordance with accepted international practice.

Article 5

The cattle for the production of beef to be exported to China should meet the following requirements:

1. The animal were born and reared in FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced of Namibia, and bear a unique identification mark, and can be traced back to born and raised farm with the identity mark.
2. Come from farm in compliance with the following conditions:
 - (1) The farm and its neighboring farm(s) had not been under any veterinary quarantine restrictions due to animal disease during past 12 month.
 - (2) There is no case of RVF, Rabies, Anthrax, Bovine Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Paratuberculosis, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Q fever, Aujeszky's Disease and Heartwater in the farm during past 12 month.
 - (3) The farm has not introduced any cloven-hoofed animal from the region other than FMD free zone where vaccination is not practiced of Namibia during past 12 month.
 - (4) The farm has been included in the national residue monitoring and control plan. Based on the results of this plan, it can be attested that the beef does not contain medicine, chemical residues, and other toxic and harmful residues harmful to human health.
3. The animals shall be resident in the farm for at least 60 days prior to slaughter.
4. The animals were vaccinated against anthrax using live vaccine during the 14 days prior to slaughter or a longer period.
5. The animals had never been fed with any material originating from ruminant, except milk, and never used veterinary medicine and feed additives prohibited by China or Namibia.

Article 6

The beef to be exported to China should meet the following requirements at slaughterhouse and during processing:

1. Undertake ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection on animal for the production of beef export to China according to the relevant laws and regulations of Namibia and China. The cattle are health without clinical symptoms of any animal infectious and parasite disease, and there is no pathological change in the carcass and offal.