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| Export Advisory Notice 2017-02 | | 21 April 2017 |
| Title: | Change to Indonesian Requirements | |
| Species: | Cattle and buffalo | |
| Country: | Indonesia | |
| For information: | Livestock Exporters ALEC LiveCorp Department Officers | |

Purpose

To advise exporters of revised Indonesian requirements for the maximum average weight of feeder cattle and buffalo that can be exported, and requirements for recommendation letter reference numbers to be listed on health certificates for all classes of cattle and buffalo. These changes are effective immediately.

This EAN replaces 2016-24.

Background

The Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture has amended their regulation (NUMBER 02/PERMENTAN/PK.440/2017) to allow the import of feeder cattle and buffalo with a maximum average weight of 450kg and the requirement for recommendation letter reference numbers to be listed on health certificates for large ruminants.

Besides the increased maximum weight (from 350kg to 450kg), the Indonesian policy on feeder cattle and buffalo has not changed and exporters should source feeder cattle and buffalo for export to Indonesia that weigh 450kg or less. Cattle and buffalo that are significantly heavier than 450kg should not be exported as feeder livestock.

Recommendation letter reference numbers are listed on import permits in the following format:
XXXXX/PI.XXX/F/MM/YYYY

Instructions

Exporters must have procedures in place to ensure the average weight of feeder cattle and buffalo will not exceed 450kg at the time of unloading in Indonesia. This must include consideration of livestock weights prior to export and expected weight gains up to the expected date of discharge in Indonesia.

Import permits issued prior to these changes, with a maximum average weight of 350kg, remain valid. Livestock must be prepared in accordance with the conditions listed on each import permit.

Exporters must ensure the correct recommendation letter reference number has been provided on the import permit and the translated import permit.

For exporters with an approved arrangement

Exporters are required to update their approved Standard Export Plans (SEPs) to reflect the change in Indonesia's requirements. SEPs should also include processes for ensuring the maximum average weight limit is not exceeded when unloading in Indonesia.

SEPs should be updated prior to each exporter's next scheduled consignment of feeder cattle or buffalo or next scheduled audit, whichever is soonest.

Updated SEPs do not need to be submitted to the department as an approved arrangement variation. The amendment will be checked at each exporter's next scheduled audit.

Weights of feeder cattle and buffalo and any relevant calculations demonstrating compliance with these requirements must be retained and made available at audit if requested.

Recommendation letters are not considered a core document and it is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure the correct recommendation letter reference number is on the import permit and translation.

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