



Imported Food Notice 13/11

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SUBJECT: Interim BSE arrangements ended 30 June 2011

Purpose

To advise importers and brokers of the implications of the end of interim arrangements under Australia's Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Food Safety Policy 30 June 2011.

The policy required exporting countries to submit an application for assessment to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) by 30 June 2011 or they would lose access to Australia for all beef and beef products originating from that country.

The certification requirements for countries that are permitted to trade after 1 July 2011 are detailed in Imported Food Notice 'BSE Certification requirements for imported beef and beef products'

<http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/food/notices>

Scope

The countries listed below did not submit an application to FSANZ before 30 June 2011 so their BSE status will not be retained. ie: imports of beef and beef products originating from these countries will no longer be permitted.

- Hungary
- Iceland
- Indonesia
- Pakistan
- Norway
- Uruguay

What will happen to imported food containing beef after 1 July 2011?

Where it is clear that goods departed the country of export before 30 June 2011, AQIS may consider accepting certification for beef sourced from the countries listed above. The certification must be compliant with the previous BSE requirements and accompanied by a valid Import Permit where required.

Any food that departed the country of export after 1 July 2011 that is not compliant with the requirements of the Imported Food Notice 'BSE Certification requirements for imported beef and beef products' will be considered a FAILING FOOD. AQIS will require this food to be exported from Australia or destroyed.

If an application is received after 30 June 2011, market access will not be restored until the risk assessment is complete and FSANZ determines the Category for the country. No trade will be permitted until a successful assessment is completed.

What if I have an AQIS Import Permit?

Even if you hold a valid Import Permit, non-compliant food may still be found to fail under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme.

If you need to find out more about the status of your Import Permit contact:

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