

REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS FOR APPROVAL  
OF ESTABLISHMENTS FOR PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

1. The Competent Authority of the importing Party shall draw up lists of approved establishments and shall make these lists publicly available.
2. Requirements and procedures for approval:
  - (a) the animal product concerned shall have been authorised by the Competent Authority of the importing Party. This authorisation shall include the import and certification requirements;
  - (b) the Competent Authority of the exporting Party shall approve the establishments intended to export and provide the importing Party with satisfactory sanitary guarantees that the establishments comply with the relevant requirements of the importing Party;
  - (c) the Competent Authority of the exporting Party must have the power to suspend or withdraw the export approval of an establishment in the event of non-compliance;

- (d) the importing Party may carry out verifications in accordance with the provisions of Article 148 of Chapter 5 (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures) of Title II of Part IV of this Agreement as part of the approval procedure.

This verification shall concern the structure, organisation and powers of the Competent Authority responsible for the approval of the establishment and the sanitary guarantees regarding the compliance with the importing Party's requirements.

These checks may include on-the-spot inspection of establishments appearing on the list or lists provided by the exporting Party.

Taking into account the specific structure and division of competence within the EU Party, such verification in the EU Party may concern individual Member States of the European Union; and

- (e) based on the results of the verification provided for in (d), the importing Party may amend the list of establishments.

3. The provisions in points 1 and 2 shall initially be limited to the following categories of establishments:
- (a) all establishments for fresh meat of domestic species;
  - (b) all establishments for fresh meat of wild and farmed game;
  - (c) all establishments for poultry meat;
  - (d) all establishments for meat products of all species;
  - (e) all establishments for other products of animal origin for human consumption (for example casings, meat preparations, minced meat);
  - (f) all establishments for milk and milk products for human consumption; and
  - (g) processing establishments and factory/freezer vessels for fishery products for human consumption including bivalve molluscs and crustaceans.
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**GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING VERIFICATIONS**

1. Verifications may be carried out on the basis of audits and/or on-the-spot checks.
2. For the purposes of this Annex:
  - (a) the "auditee" is the Party subject to the verification; and
  - (b) the "auditor" is the Party that carries out the verification.
3. General principles of verification:
  - (a) Verifications should be made in co-operation between the auditor and the auditee in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex;