

## **Guidelines for Importation of Frozen/Chilled Meat & Meat Products**

- (1) Request in writing is received at Registry/DVS from prospective importers.
- (2) Importer is requested to submit the following before further consideration:-
  - (a) Business Registration Card
  - (b) Certificate of Registration from Mauritius Revenue Authority
  - (c) Trade Licence from Municipality or District Council
  - (d) Certificate of Incorporation from Registrar of Companies
  - (e) Full address of Company/Cold/Chilled Room
  - (f) Capacity of Cold/Chilled Room
  - (g) Distribution facilities (Refrigerated vehicles etc).
  - (h) Food Handlers' Certificate - from Ministry of Health & Quality of Life
- (3) After submission of above, Cold Room and other facilities are inspected by a Veterinary Officer as per attached norms.
- (4) It is only after, veterinary inspection has been carried out and approval of Cold/Chilled Room is given, that application is processed and submitted to the Committee at Ministry for approval of importation of meat.
- (5) After approval, importer is requested to effect payment.
- (6) The Import Permit is finalized and issued only after confirmation that appropriate payment is effected.
- (7) On receipt of Veterinary Health Certificate from exporting country and other related document, Landing Permit is issued for clearance at Customs.
- (8) After clearance at Seaport/Airport, the consignment is kept in Quarantine Cold Room.
- (9) Veterinary Officer is contacted to effect inspection and sampling.
- (10) Representative samples of the imported product is sent to Food Technology Laboratory for analysis.
- (11) Release is only effected after analysis and found fit for human consumption.
- (12) Importation of pork meat:
  - (i) Food processors using pork meat as an input will be authorized to import pork meat from abroad subject to their purchasing fifty percent of their meat requirement on the local market.
  - (ii) Import permits for importation of pork meat will be issued in accordance with the above policy.