Guidance notes

Veterinary certificates for export of salmonid products to Australia



By issuing a veterinary health certificate for export of animal products, MAST confirms that all conditions of the receiving country for the particular product are met. It is therefore imperative that all the information on which the certificate is based is accurate.

Procedures for issuing veterinary health certificate for export of salmonid products to Australia

- 1. Veterinary health certificates must be issued before the product is shipped from Iceland.
- 2. Application for a veterinary certificate must be submitted by e-mail to MAST office of import and export (<u>utflutningur@mast.is</u>). The application must contain 1) a completed and signed loading document; 2) photos of the consignment; 3) a completed correct veterinary health certificate form.
- 3. Loading document: Consignments shall be inspected and photographed before a certificate is issued. For each consignment, the exporter or producer must complete a loading document. Digital photographs shall be taken of the consignment according to "loading certificate photos instructions". Products and packages must be labelled with the producer/establishment name and number.
- 4. Upon receiving an application for a veterinary health certificate it is reviewed by veterinary officers. The following is to be assessed:
 - a. Establishment name and number. Verify establishment name and number in Ísleyfur, the establishment list with respect to approval for exporting salmonid products to Australia.
 - b. Disease status at farm site. Ensure that no restrictions are in place at farm site in accordance with procedure "VLY-123"
 - c. Source country for salmonid products. The raw material must originate from Icelandic aquaculture or other countries approved by Australia and be subject to effective separation controls during production according to the establishments' quality manual. By applying for a veterinary health certificate the exporter/producer confirms that the origin of the raw material in the loading attestation submitted before issuance of the veterinary health certificate.
 - d. Data consistency. Make sure there are no discrepancies in submitted documents.

If there are issues (related to a, b, c) relevant measures will be taken.

5. The cost of the above is according to the official MAST tariff and will be charged to the exporter.