## PROTOCOL BETWEEN

# THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA

#### AND

THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL FOOD AND SECURITY
RESEARCH OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
ON QUARANTINE AND SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR
HIDES OF DONKEY FOR PROCESSING PURPOSE TO BE
EXPORTED FROM
PAKISTAN TO CHINA

The General Administration of Customs of the Peoples' Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as GACC) and the Ministry of National Food Security and Research of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as MNFSR) have agreed to the following quarantine and sanitary requirements for the hides of donkey for processing purpose (hereinafter referred to as the "parties and individually as a "party") to be exported from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Peoples' Republic of China.

## Article 1

- 1. MNFSR shall be responsible for the inspection and quarantine of the donkey hides to be exported to China, and to provide confirmation that the donkey hides meet the requirements of this Protocol.
- 2. The original veterinary health certificate should accompany with each batch of the hides to be exported to China. The language used in the veterinary health certificate should at least include Chinese or English. The certificate sample and official stamps will come into operation after being checked by GACC.

#### Article 2

3. According to the relevant provisions of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), MNFSR has confirmed that there has been no Infection with African horse sickness virus in Pakistan.

#### Article 3

Within 6 months before the donkey hides are exported to China, there were no Anthrax, Infection with Burkholderia mallei (Glanders), Equine infectious anaemia, Epizootic lymphangitis and Equine strangles within a radius of 30 kilometers around the farms of origin, slaughterhouses and the hides processing plants.

## **Article 4**

Animals used to produce the donkey hides which intend to export to China shall meet the following requirements:

- 1. To be Born in Pakistan, or legally imported from other countries with animal hygiene levels not lower than Pakistan, and raised in the farm which was supervised by MNFSR for at least 3 months. Except for donkeys, animals of other breeds shall not be raised in the farm.
- 2. The feeding process shall meet the requirements of animal epidemic prevention and animal welfare, not allowed to feed feeds and feed additives containing poisonous and harmful substance, prohibited veterinary drugs and animal hormones.
- 3. Slaughtered in a legal slaughterhouse approved by the official competent department of Pakistan, and meeting the requirements of Pakistani laws and regulations, animal epidemic prevention, food safety and animal welfare. Mixed slaughter with other animals is also not allowed.
- 4. Passed the ante-and post-mortem inspections by an official veterinarian, found free from any clinical signs of animal infectious diseases and parasitic diseases, and met the relevant requirements for animal health and animal welfare.
- 5. Feeding, slaughtering and other processes were under the effective supervision of Pakistani official competent authorities.

### Article 5

The processing plant of the donkey hides which intend to export to China shall meet the following requirements:

- 1. The raw hides used in the processing plant must be from the slaughterhouses approved by Pakistani official competent authorities. The processing plant has established a traceability system including detailed records of the source slaughterhouse, incoming acceptance of raw hides, processing and delivery information. Each batch of incoming raw hides must accurately record the information of the source slaughterhouse, and ensure that the quantity of incoming raw hides matches the slaughter capacity of the source slaughterhouse.
- 2. The processing plant is only used for the production and processing of donkey hides which intend to export to China. The processing plant has the production facilities and equipment necessary for the production and processing of donkey hides. The raw hides storage, production and processing and product storage are reasonably arranged, the places are clean and sanitary, and the production and processing operation processes and processing technologies are standardized in the processing plant. The production and processing processes are also meet the requirements of veterinary health and epidemic prevention.
- 3. The processing plant shall be approved by MNFSR and under the effective supervision of MNFSR. The donkey hides meet the requirements of Pakistani laws and regulations, and are allowed to be sold freely in Pakistan.
- 4. The processing plant was recommended by MNFSR to GACC, and approved and registered by GACC. The validity period of registration is 5 years. Any changes of registered establishment should be notified to GACC timely.

#### Article 6

The donkey hides which intend to export to China shall be treated in the following way:

- 1. Drying for at least 42 days at or above 20°C, or
- 2. Dry-salted or wet-salted for at least 14 days.

#### Article 7

The donkey hides exported to China shall not contain other animal tissues, feces, soil, weeds and other sundries.

#### Article 8

- 1. The packaging of the donkey hides exported to China shall be new, and meet the requirements of veterinary health and public health.
- 2. The outer packaging or carrying container can be prevent leakage of blood during the transportation.

#### Article 9

The packaging of the donkey hides exported to China shall be marked with the product name, quantity (weight), processing date, name and the registration number of the processing plant.

#### Article 10

Necessary measures have been taken to prevent cross contamination, mildew, decay and breeding of maggots during the processing, storage and transportation of the donkey hides exported to China.

#### Article 11

MNFSR shall inform GACC in time of the following situations:

- 1. Laws and regulations on safety and health management of the donkey hides to be exported to China have undergone major changes.
- 2. The format of official stamps and sample of animal health certificate of the donkey hides to be exported to China has changed.
- 3. The slaughterhouse and processing plant approved by Pakistani official competent authorities has changed.

## Article 12

MNFSR shall apply for an extension 6 months before the expiry of registration validity of the donkey hides processing plants. After receiving the application, GACC will deal with the extension timely according with relevant procedures.

#### Article 13

Under the requirements, upon the agreement of both sides, GACC may send experts to Pakistan to carry out retrospective review of the donkey hides exported to China, check the implementation of the Protocol, with a special focus on animal breeding, veterinary health control and animal welfare guarantee in

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slaughtering, official safety and sanitary monitoring system, and the self-inspection and self-control capability of the processing plants.

#### Article 14

This protocol shall enter into force upon signature by both sides and may be modified or revised by both parties through consultation.

## Article 15

This protocol shall be effective for the period of 5 years and being automatically extended for another 5 years unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party of its intention to amend or terminate this Protocol by a written notification before the expiration date. Either party shall notify the other party in writing of its intention to terminate this Protocol 6 months in advance.

#### Article 16

This Protocol is signed in \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_2023, done in duplicate in Chinese and English, all versions being equally authentic.

For

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China

For

The Ministry of National Food and Security Research of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan