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दिनांक / Dated the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Regulation of import of live animals under the Livestock Importation Act, 1898 and amendments made from time to time – suggestions received from stakeholders - regarding.**

For "Ease of Understanding and Doing Business" as well as streamlining the complete process of import of live animals into India by the importers, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were issued vide this Department's O.M. of even number, dated 15 July 2020.

2. The SOPs were displayed on website of the department and the comments were also invited from general public / stakeholders. SOPs are already in vogue and in practice at the implementation stage at ground level and finally it will evolve with the experience, feedback and the emergent requirement over the time. The comments / suggestions, received from the stakeholders / importers as under, have been examined which does not suggest any improvisation in these SOPs:

Sl. No.	Suggestions given	Department's Comments
1	Proof and attachment of other documents related to Custom may completely be deleted from SOPs.	The said reference related to Custom has been made for easy understanding of applicants so as to avoid any hindrance in post import clearance. Further, It has already been clarified that the concerned AQCS will inspect only those documents which pertain to veterinary health requirements. The other documents/ licenses, which are required vide various rules & regulations of Custom, shall be inspected by the Custom authorities.
2	Advance NOC should be replaced with "Advance Veterinary	In the format of Advance NOC, it has been clearly indicated that the

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	clearance for import of live animals into India" as AQCS has no power to give import NOC.	permission is also subject to Custom clearance on arrival as per Custom Circular No. 15/2013 for assessment of TR status or 25/2013 for assessment of Re-import or under Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) licence.
3	Necessary changes may be done on SOPs and other forms inline of principle of veterinary assessment only. Testing criteria, testing profile may be clearly mentioned in scientific manner for post arrival quarantine observation issues on live animals.	The SOPs has been made as per existing Standard Indian Veterinary Health Protocols in this regard. These protocols are dynamic as per any change in OIE recommendations in this regard. An expert committee in the Department is reviewing various Indian veterinary health protocols time to time which are being published on official website for information of all stakeholders. Further, wherever DGFT license is required, the Indian protocols are being shared with applicant while communicating the Departmental recommendations to DGFT.
4	Suggestions have made related to various disease test in equine.	Presently, the SOPs have been made based upon existing veterinary protocols.
5	Submission of Application in Form through email should be exempted in case of import of multiple equines, as it would be impractical and time consuming for the Animal Quarantine Office to download and print the documents for scrutiny.	It has already been indicated in the O.M. dated 15.07.2020 that the communication with importers shall essentially be made through email in all cases to <b>the extant feasible</b> .
6	There should be a system in place for the Quarantine Office to book and confirm allotment of stables to a particular importer 30-35 days before the date of arrival of the shipment as the equines can be shifted to overseas pre-export quarantine facility according to availability of stables at the particular quarantine station.	The requirement of advance NOC from AQCS addresses the said issue for booking of quarantine space.
7	Clarification is required on Clause 1. regarding everyday examination record. Is the Physical Examination to be done by the Quarantine Officer or Importers Representative.	The record of every day examination of animal under quarantine, has to be maintained by the concerned AQCS, as same is mandated to AQCS.

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