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**Report Highlights:**

On April 10, 201, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) issued ministerial Decree No. 44/2013, which restricts the importation of poultry and poultry products from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Decree44/2013 supported by an older regulation, GOI Regulation No. 82/2000, also prohibits animal and animal products originating from third countries that transit and/or are transshipped to be imported into Indonesia. Although Regulation No. 82/2000 prohibited the transit and transshipment of animal products for well over a decade, it was never enforced due to a general lack of human capacity in the field. Included among the restricted products are pet foods and feed ingredients imports.

**General Information:**

On April 10, 2013 the Government of Indonesian (GOI) issued MOA Regulation No. 44/2013 on “Discontinuation of Poultry and/or Poultry Products Imports from The Peoples Republic of China into the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia”. The regulation is a follow up to the recent human fatalities attributed to Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) subtype H7N9 outbreak in China. The regulation covers the following products:

- a. Live poultry,
- b. Non food poultry products, and
- c. Poultry products for human consumption.

Article 4 of the regulation prohibits all poultry and/or poultry products to be into Indonesia, from any country, which transited or transshipped through China. The regulation is retroactively applied to April 3, 2013. As a result, all poultry and/or poultry products on vessels departing from China after April 3, 2013 are prohibited from entering Indonesian territory. This includes products that are transited, transshipped, or re-exported. Post expects that the ban on poultry and/or poultry products from China will remain in place until there is a notification from the *Office International des Epizooties* (OIE) that China is free from LPAI subtype H7N9 and that there is no more human fatality as a result of the disease.

In September 2000, the GOI issued GOI regulation No. 82/2000 which prohibits the importation of all animal based products that were transited or transshipped through third country ports. The MOA used this requirement as the legal precedent for MOA Decree no. 4/2013. GOI Regulation No. 82/2000 has higher legal protocol over MOA Decree 44/2013. Chapter 3 of GOI Regulation No. 82/2000 on Animal Quarantine signed by the Indonesian President, Abdurrahman Wahid on September 19, 2000 described comprehensive rule on transit. Article 34, chapter 3 states, “In order to prevent the introduction of animal quarantine diseases from foreign countries into Indonesia through transit of transportation carrying live animals, transit can only be approved at designated places.” The approval of transit points are decided by an issuance of a ministerial decree after considering animal disease situation in the country of origin and country of transit, and the possibility of its inspection through the animal. Transit of means of conveyance of live animal must meet the following requirement:

1. Be completed with animal health certificate and be supervised by quarantine veterinarian during transit.
2. In doing the supervision as per (1), the quarantine veterinarian must conduct general examination on the means of conveyance.
3. If during the examination as per (2), the symptom of animal quarantine disease of category I is found or if it does not meet the requirement of approved transit points, the related means of conveyance will be instructed to leave the transit point by the responsible party of transit on an advice from animal quarantine veterinarian.
4. Animal and the keeper are prohibited to unload during transit, except for reloading purposes to other means of conveyance on an approval from animal quarantine veterinarian.
5. In case the animal has been over unloaded or unloaded for purposes in number (4), it must be then:
  - a. if it shows symptoms of animal quarantine disease category I, the animal shall immediately be destructed and the means of conveyance shall be disinfected.

- b. if it shows symptoms of animal quarantine disease category II, the animal should be instructed to leave the territory of the Republic of Indonesia by the responsible party for the transit point on an advice from quarantine veterinarian.
6. Material or equipment which is once associated with the animal, feed leftovers, manure, and others assumed to carry in potential pest and spread of animal quarantine disease shall be destroyed.
7. Material of equipment per (7) that cannot be destroyed shall be disinfected.

Article 35 of the GOI regulation states that in order to prevent the introduction of animal quarantine disease from foreign countries into Indonesia through transit of transportation carrying material of animal origin, product of material origin, and other products, transit can only be approved at designated places and must meet the following requirements:

1. Shall be accompanied with sanitation certificate or certificate of origin, kept intact and under supervision of quarantine officer during transit.
2. Shall be prohibited from unloaded during transit, except for re-loading from one to another means of conveyance, and shall be done completely on approval of quarantine veterinarian.
3. In case the animal material has been unloaded unintentionally from the means of conveyance and the sanitation has not good result after examination, incomplete packing, changing character, contaminated, or other hazardous to animal health or people, it shall be instructed to be reloaded into the means of conveyance by the quarantine veterinarian.
4. Material or equipment once associated with the material of animal origin, product of material of animal origin, and other articles which assumed to be potential carrier of animal quarantine disease shall be destroyed.
5. To material or equipment as per (4) which is not possible to be destroyed and to the people shall be disinfected.
6. Transfer of material of animal origin, product of material of animal origin, and/or other articles to exit point outside transit place shall be approved by quarantine veterinarian and under supervision of quarantine officer.

Although GOI issued two official regulations prohibiting transshipment, it is not fully enforced in practice due to the lack of human resources on the field. Exporters should consult their customers in Indonesia closely regarding this non-tariff barrier.