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Report Highlights:

On May 28, 2013, Ministry of Trade (MOT) issued Regulation No. 22/2013 (Reg. 22) regarding imports and exports for live animals, meat and other animal-based products. Reg. 22 replaces MOT Regulation 24/2011. A significant change in Reg. 22 over Reg. 24 is that the new regulation no longer calls for quotas or other quantitative restrictions on beef imports. Nonetheless, the Ministry of Agriculture's (MOA) Regulation 50/2011 remains in place and maintains quantitative restrictions on imported beef.

Another significant change is that Reg. 22 authorizes an Indonesian state-owned company to conduct beef imports to supply the Indonesian retail sector. Although the regulation does not specify, widespread media reports and Post contacts indicate that the state-owned company in question is the National Logistics Agency (BULOG).

General Information:

As noted in the Highlight section, on May 28, 2013 the MOT issued Regulation No. 22/2013, which supersedes MOT Regulation No. 24/2013 regarding imports and exports of live animals, meat and animal products. However, at the time this report was published the MOA has not followed up with any new corresponding regulation to the new Trade regulation. Thus, [MOA Regulation 50/2011](#) remains valid. An unofficial translation of Regulation 22/2013 can be found here: [Reg. 22/2013](#)

Key points found in the regulation include:

- There are no more provisions stating that the imports can only be conducted if domestic production and supplies of meat and animal-based products are insufficient to meet the consumer demand.
- There are no more provisions which call for quotas, allocations or quantitative restrictions for live animals, meat animal products.
- There are no longer specific application dates or deadlines for obtaining import permits to MOT. It remains unclear whether beef importers will be required to use the MOT INATRADE online registration portal.
- MOT import permits will be valid for one year.
- In order for importers to obtain import permits, MOT still requires import recommendation from the MOA or National Agency for Drug and Food Control (BPOM).
- BULOG is assigned to import beef listed in attachment I of the regulation for the retail sector, to include wet markets and modern retail outlets. BULOG will not be required to have an MOT-issued registered importer number (IT). However, BULOG still needs an MOA-issued import recommendation to obtain an MOT import permit.
- However, Article 15 states that the importation of beef carcasses, beef and offal listed in the attachment I of the regulation are only for food service and not for retail.
- The imports of fresh, chilled prime cuts (per Indonesia's definition of prime cut) will be allowed to enter Soekarno-Hatta airport of Jakarta, Ngurah Rai airport of Bali and Polonia airport of Medan airport.
- The fresh, chilled prime cuts should be verified by an MOT approved surveyor prior to departure as a pre-shipment inspection.
- Imported animal products must use an Indonesian language label on the package and the label should be applied prior to the product entering Indonesia.
- The packaging should comply with all packaging and labeling requirements (food grade & food logo).
- Attachment I of the regulation describes the animal and animal products that can be imported by IT importer and using the import permit.
- Attachment II of the regulation describes the animal and animal products that can be imported using import permit only. This attachment covers more products which are not found in MOA Regulation No. 50/2011. This includes dairy products (HS 0402, 0403, 0404, 0405, 0406),

processed egg products (HS 0408), prepared or preserved turkey (HS 160231, 160232, 160239), preserved pork (HS 160241), preserved bovine products (HS 160250), prepared mutton (HS 160290), extracts and chicken stock (HS 160300) and others. However, certain HS codes must be imported by IT certified importers (MOT Regulation No. 83/2012).

However MOA Regulation No. 50/2013 is still valid and requires the following points:

- The national allocation of animal and fresh animal products that can be imported annually will be based on the results of a coordination meeting at the ministerial level.
- The application submission of the recommendation to MOA is opened two times a year, August 15 to September 15 and February 15 to March 15.
- Frozen and chilled beef can be imported by IT importers of animal and animal products.
- Attachment I, II, and III cover product less than products in MOT Regulation No. 22/2013.

Post and meat importers are thinking that MOT Regulation No. 22/2013 is unclear. Post will seek clarification to MOT shortly.