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Turkey Announced July 30 Tender for Live Slaughter Cattle

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Report Highlights:

A tender for 3,500 MT of live slaughter cattle will take place on July 30, 2010. This tender is only open to animals from the United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Brazil (except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), Chile, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Iceland, New Zealand and Australia.

General Information:

Turkey's seventh tender under the new duty-free import quotas was announced. This one, for 3,500 MT of live slaughter cattle, will take place on July 30, 2010. It will be open to animals from the United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Brazil (except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), Chile, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Iceland, New Zealand and Australia.

Technical Specifications for Seventh Tender:

The technical specification and tender requirements for the seventh tender were published by the Meat and Fish Institute (EBK) at <http://www.ebk.gov.tr>. The cattle must be Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, or Swiss Brown. The age of the animals must be between 12 and 24 months. The animals must be male, and weigh between 400 kg and 750 kg. The animals must bear visual characteristics of their own breed and have no visible problems with their feet, eyes, ears etc. The animals must all be identifiable through ear tags, microchips, etc. Animals that do not pass the health inspections will not be imported. The animals should be delivered to the Izmir EBK slaughterhouse facility.

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Required documents are listed in the following notifications:

- Notification 2000/32 “Documents required for issuing the control certificate in import of non-stud livestock and animal products” that was published on September 22, 2009
- Official Gazette number 2004/8 “Amending the notification on documents required for issuing the control certificate in import of non-stud livestock and animal products”,
- Official Gazette number 96/4 “The requirements for issuing the control certificate in import of butchery and stock-farming cattle and sheep as well as goat”
- Notification 2010/5 “Standardization in foreign trade for import of the products subject to

supervision of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry”

According to these regulations, the following documents are required for importing live slaughter cattle:

- Original invoice
- Pro forma invoice
- Original official veterinary health certificate (containing hormone, antibiotic and other residue information)
- Sample of proforma health certificate
- Certificate of origin
- Certificate of analysis that shows the animals are free from hormone and antibiotics.
- Pedigree certificate

· The control certificates are issued for each batch of butchery livestock to be imported. If importation is done through more than one port, a separate control certificate is required for each customs district.

· A Veterinary Health Certificate, which is required by the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry General Directorate for Protection and Control, shall be approved by the official veterinary service of the exporting country and signed by an official veterinarian.

· For fattening livestock, an analysis report showing that the animals are free from hormones and antibiotics.

OTHER PROVISIONS

CATTLE SELECTION AND INTERMEDIATE SUPERVISION

An Intermediate Supervision Committee, which shall be assigned by the Directorate of Meat and Fish Institute, shall make a pre-selection of cattle to be bought from exporting countries and the selected animals shall undergo a physical examination by the personnel assigned by the Turkish Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry’s General Directorate for Protection and Control. They shall review the medical conditions of the animals and the documents required for import of the animals. A selection report shall be issued by these Ministry of Agriculture personnel, stating that the animals selected meet the required medical conditions. Three copies will be given, and the original report must accompany the shipment upon arrival to Turkey.

The Intermediate Supervision Committee shall supervise the disinfection and loading of the selected cattle to the transportation vehicles.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

The cattle, which will be brought to slaughtering facilities, shall be examined by the Inspection and Acceptance Committee assigned by the Administration, where documents will be inspected.

WEIGHING

The selected cattle shall be weighed in the exporting country before shipment under the supervision of the Intermediate Supervision Committee. Ear tag numbers of the weighed cattle shall be listed and minutes shall be taken for the procedure bearing signatures of the contractor's authorized person and members of the intermediate supervision committee.

INVOICING PROCEDURE

Invoicing shall be done after the live weight, which is essential for payment, is determined at the delivery place.

In order to attend the tender, interested parties must purchase tender documents (for 250 Turkish Lira) from the Meat and Fish Institute. In order to participate in the tender interested parties must deliver prepared bids before July 30, 2010 at 15:00 pm.

The cattle will be selected in the country of origin by officials of the EBK and will be delivered to one of five EBK slaughterhouses.

Background

In response to high red meat prices, the Turkish Council of Ministers announced duty free import quotas for live slaughter cattle and beef on April 30, 2010. These quotas were to be administered by the Meat and Fish Institute via public tenders.

The first public tender under this quota, for live slaughtering cattle only, took place on May 4, 2010. This tender was for 4,025 MT of live slaughter cattle only from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Hungary.

Turkey's Meat & Fish Institute (EBK) held a second auction for procurement of 5,000 tons of live slaughter cattle from the United States, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentine and Chile on May 6, 2010 in Ankara

Then, the Ministry of Agriculture declared on May 6, 2010 that they cancelled the first and second

tenders for live slaughter cattle issued under the tariff quota, which took place on May 4 and May 6, 2010. The competition for tenders was not deemed sufficient due to the lack of sufficient bids.

The Turkish Meat and Fish Institute held another tender on May 20, 2010 in Ankara. The tender, for 8,000 MT of live slaughter cattle, was open to offers for animals from the United States (except the states of Texas, Alabama, and Washington), Brazil (except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway and Iceland.

The fourth tender, for 4,000 MT of live fattening cattle, took place on June 14 in Ankara. This tender was open to animals from the United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Brazil (except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), New Zealand, Australia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway and Iceland.

A fifth tender, for 4,000 MT of live fattening cattle, was held on July 1, 2010. This tender was open to animals from the United States (except the states of Texas, Alabama, and Washington), Brazil (except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Iceland, New Zealand and Australia. This tender used up the remaining portion of the quota for the year.

However, because red meat prices dropped only 17% in June 2010 after the entire quota for live animals was allocated, and prices rose again in July, the government published an additional duty free quota allocation of 100,000 MT of live cattle for import through the EBK at zero custom duty. The decision was published in the official gazette dated June 29, 2010. After the new import quota was announced, EBK held its sixth live cattle import tender on July 15, 2010 for 50,000 MT of slaughter cattle.

Turkey: EBK Live cattle import tenders results			
Date of tenders	Quantity (MT)	Type	Result of tenders (Quantity-Price-Name of company)
05/04/2010	4,025	Live slaughter cattle	Cancelled
05/06/2010	5,000	Live slaughter cattle	Cancelled
05/20/2010	8,000	Live slaughter cattle	5,500 MT-20,075,000 USD-Khaled Hijazi&Ghosheh 1,000 MT-2,700,000 Euro- Hacilar helal meat 1,000 MT-2,740,000 Euro-Altintern Handels Gmbh

			500 MT-1,272,500 Euro-Dituria S.SRO
06/14/2010	4,000	Live fattening cattle	4,000 MT-16,750,000 USD-Khaled Hijazi&Ghosheh
07/01/2010	4,000	Live slaughter cattle	4,000 MT-14,550,000 USD-Khaled Hijazi&Ghosheh
07/15/2010	50,000	Live slaughter cattle	50,000 MT-200,297,500 USD-Khaled Hijazi&Ghosheh