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ABU DHABI AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
SAFETY AUTHORITY

Decree No. (2) for the year 2020

**To issue a system for controlling imported foods for the
Emirate of Abu Dhabi**

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Decree of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority No. (2) for the year 2020 to issue a system for controlling imported foods for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Chairman of the Board of Directors

- After reviewing the Federal Law No. (10) for the year 2015 regarding food safety and its executive regulations,
- And the law No (2) For the year 2008 regarding food in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- And Law No. (7) For the year 2019 establishing the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority.
- And the Executive Council Chairman Decision No. (6) for the year 2019 forming the Board of Directors of the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority,
- And the Executive Council Chairman Decision No. (20) For the year 2019 appointing the Director General for Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority,
- And System No. (2) For the year 2008 regarding the system for controlling imported foods based on the degree of health risk related to the border crossing points of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi,
- And based on what was presented to the Board of Directors, and the Board's approval thereof,
- And upon the necessities of the business interest,

Resolved:

Article (1)

In the application of the provisions of this bylaw to the following words and expressions, the meanings indicated next to each of them, unless the context indicates otherwise

Emirate: Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Competent authority: The local competent authority responsible for food safety in each Emirate

Commercial Mission: A specified amount of food that includes one or more batches that are usually included in the same Health certificate and other documents

Visual inspection: The processes and procedures taken by the competent authority to inspect food using different senses such as (sight and smell). without taking samples for laboratory analysis, this includes checking the label, safety of the product and its lack of sensory defects as well as carrier and storage and handling conditions in addition to checking the identity of the product.

Article (2)

Objectives

This system aims to:

1. The application of the regulatory system based on the degree of health risk based on the identification of health risk associated with the imported foodstuff, so that it is classified and arranged according to the purpose of its use.
2. Optimal use of resources and distribution of efforts according to priorities based on the principles of risk analysis.
3. Strengthening the control system based on the degree of health risk to the standards of control over foods with a high risk to human health.
4. Increasing consumer confidence and maintaining the level of health protection.
5. Encourage investment and facilitate trade with regional and international trading partners
6. Apply the appropriate inspection level and standardize procedures across the emirate's outlets.

Article (3)

Domain

The provisions of this regulation apply to all commercial food consignments received through the outlets of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Article (4)

Prior approval must be obtained from the competent authority regarding the food label of imported foodstuffs, in accordance with the controls and procedures determined by the authority in that regard.

Article (5)

1. The imported foodstuffs must be in conformity with the UAE and Gulf legislative requirements regarding transport and storage operations and handling.
2. The food establishment must keep records and documents in accordance with the controls set by the authority in this regard.

Article (6)

The documents and certificates accompanying imported commercial food consignments must be in Arabic or English

Article (7)

Inspection based on the degree of health risk

The degree of risk-based control system relies on health risks, based on bulletins of international or regional organizations and specialized scientific sources.

Article (8)

Imported foods are classified into six levels according to the degree of its risk to human health, according to the following:

1. The extent of the possibility of contamination of food with vital (biological), physical, chemical or other sources of risk.
2. The extent of the possibility of increasing contamination levels based on handling operations during the stages of the food chain.
3. The potential risk to the public health of the community.
4. The potential risk for a specific class of society.
5. The effect of consumer behavior on enhancing risks.
6. Sources of new or emerging risks and the latest developments in scientific studies, and agricultural accidents.

Article (9)

The appropriate level of inspection is applied considering the risk Register of the foodstuff, factory, or country of origin, in accordance with the legislative requirements in effect in this regard.

Article (10)

The control system based on the degree of health risk in inspection procedures depends on a number of consecutive phases of chained health control in accordance with the following:

1. Auditing the health documents and certificates of the commercial food consignment.
2. Auditing health documents and certificates, then the visual inspection of the commercial food consignment.
3. Checking documents and certificates, then visual inspection, sampling and laboratory analysis of the commercial food consignment

Article (11)

1. The sampling rate is reduced according to the minimum degree of risk, in the event that five consecutive consignments are imported for the same foodstuff and from the same producing company and the country of origin and proven after laboratory, testing is done to conform to health requirements.
2. In the event of any health violation on the commercial food consignment, any incentives granted to this food item received from the producing company will be canceled until it is proven that they are consistent with five consecutive consignments again.

Article (12)

Reserving and rejecting consignments

1. It is prohibited to enter the commercial food consignment, the decision to prevent its entry issued by any government agency concerned with food control in the country.
2. The commercial food consignment shall be seized if it enters the Emirate of Abu Dhabi for the first time, or if a warning or prohibition has been issued by any country or international or regional organization.

Final Provisions

Article (13)

1. The Authority's Director General shall issue the necessary decisions and circulars to implement the provisions of this system.
2. Subject to Article (8) of this Bylaw, the Authority's Director General issues a decision regarding the classification of imported food items according to the degree of health risk.
3. The General Manager issues a decision to establish a risk register that includes the history of the foodstuff, the manufacturer, the importer, and the country of origin.

Article (14)

The decisions and circulars in force shall continue to apply in a manner that does not contradict the provisions of this system, until the issuance of decisions and circulars implementing its provisions.

Article (15)

1. Regulation No. (2) for the year 2008 is canceled regarding the system for controlling imported food based on the degree of health risk related to the border crossing points of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
2. Any provision or text that violates or contradicts the provisions of this Bylaw shall be canceled.

Article (16)

This system shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into effect six months after the date of its publication.

Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Chairman of Board of Directors

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