



Royal Government of Bhutan  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forests  
Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA)



## PROTOCOL FOR IMPORT OF POULTRY AND ANIMAL FEEDS

Any individual, agency or company wishing to import poultry and animal feeds into Bhutan should apply for import permit to the Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA), Ministry of Agriculture and Forests. The application for import permit should reach the office of BAFRA at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date of entry of feeds into Bhutan. The application for import permit must provide full details of the consignment as requested in the application form that can be downloaded from the website [www.bafra.gov.bt](http://www.bafra.gov.bt).

The importer must meet the following conditions at the time of importation.

1. The animal or poultry feed originates from a manufacturing plant approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country.
2. The end product is packed in the plant in new or sterilized packages.
3. That appropriate precautionary measures had been taken to prevent the contamination of the end product.
4. The packaging of the feed must be clearly labeled in English or Dzongkha with the following information.
  - a. Ingredients used in the feed including the species and product type of animal used for animal-based ingredients.
  - b. The name, quantity or weight, date of manufacture of the feed and expiry date.
  - c. The species of animal for which the feed is intended.
  - d. The name, address and other contact details of the manufacturer/exporter.
5. The consignment shall be accompanied by official veterinary certificate certifying that:
  - a. Product was not contaminated by pathogens of animal or poultry contagious diseases during manufacturing, packing and storage processes.
  - b. Animal feed preparations which contain ingredients derived from cloven-hoofed animals from a country (or area) with foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, bovine contagious pleuropneumonia or African swine fever, or which contain ingredients derived from poultry from a country (or area) with Newcastle disease or highly pathogenic avian influenza, it shall be heat-treated with the core of the product reaching a temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes, or 80°C for at least 9 minutes, or 100°C for 1 minute.
  - c. Ingredients derived from cattle, sheep, goat or other animals susceptible to bovine spongiform encephalopathy were not from a bovine spongiform encephalopathy infected country and the product and raw materials were not contaminated by pathogen of bovine spongiform encephalopathy while manufacturing and processing.
6. The feed meet the standards of Bhutan in terms of their nutritive value and safety.
7. That all appropriate measures are taken en-route to avoid cross-contamination with infectious agents or toxic substances.
8. All information and documentation requested by the BAFRA Officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests as to their ownership and content is provided.
9. Upon entry into Bhutan, the consignment must be declared to Regulatory and Quarantine Inspectors of BAFRA.
10. These requirements will be amended as and when deemed necessary depending on the risk associated with the products and the disease status of the exporting country.