

**PROTOCOL ON QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
IMPORT OF FISH OIL, FISH MEAL AND OTHER AQUATIC ANIMAL
PROTEINS FOR NON-HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM NORWAY TO CHINA
AS AGREED BETWEEN THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE NORWEGIAN FOOD
SAFETY AUTHORITY OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

The General Administration of Customs of China (hereinafter referred to as “the Chinese side”) and The Norwegian Food Safety Authority (hereinafter referred to as “the Norwegian side”), through friendly negotiations, reached the following agreements on the quarantine and health requirements for the fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for non-human consumption (NHC) to be exported from Norway to China:

Article 1

This protocol applies to the following products: fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC. “other aquatic animal proteins” refer to proteins derived from aquatic animals except sea mammals, including farmed aquatic invertebrates.

Article 2

The Establishments producing fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC which intend to export their products to China should be approved by the Norwegian side and registered by the Chinese side.

Article 3

The fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC shall be produced under the supervision of the Norwegian side, and meet the requirements of the Norwegian side and is allowed for free sale.

Article 4

The fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC may be exported to China only if they meet the following requirements:

1. The Establishments must have in place, implemented and maintained procedures based on the hazard analysis and critical control points principles (HACCP). The Establishments must establish and carry out a system to ensure the recall and traceability of products.
2. The raw materials for fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC shall come from wild aquatic animals caught in domestic sea area or in the open sea or

aquaculture animals, or aquatic animal by-products from plants which manufacture aquatic products for human consumption. The raw materials must not come from aquatic animals that were slaughtered as an official disease control measure or aquatic animals dead of unknown causes. The product must not contain any ingredients of other non-aquatic animal.

3. The products have been subject to a heat treatment with core temperature no less than 85°C for at least 15 minutes throughout its substances, or the following Norwegian processing standard recognized by the Chinese side:

- * wild fish: Minimum 76 °C for at least 20 minutes;
- * farmed fish: Minimum 80 °C for at least 20 minutes;
- * farmed ensiled fish: 85 °C for at least 25 minutes.

4. No raw materials of unknown animal origin or prohibited substances shall be used during the production according to the Kingdom of Norway's regulations and laws.

5. Effective measures have been taken to prevent contamination both during and after the production process.

6. The products do not contain any hazardous substances which pose a risk to animal health, and must be in compliance with the safety and hygiene standards of China.

7. Except for those countries or regions recognized by OIE as negligible to bovine transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk, all fish oil, fish meal or other aquatic animal proteins for NHC intending to be exported to the People's Republic of China must be subject to tests by official approved laboratory using PCR with negative results to ruminant ingredients.

8. The products must be packaged in new, clean materials, and effective measures should be taken during transportation to avoid contamination.

9. Random samples must be taken and tested (before dispatch) to verify compliance with the following standards:

Salmonella: absence in 25g; n=5, c=0, m=0, M=0;

Enterobacteriaceae: n=5, c=2, m=10, M=300 in 1g.

Where:

n = number of samples to be tested;

m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed m;

M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is M or more; and

c = number of samples greater than or equal to m and less than M, the samples are still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other samples is m or less.

Article 5

The label of products shall meet the following requirements;

1. The label of products shall comply with the requirements of national standard of China for feed label (GB 10648);
2. The products shall state warnings, such as “not for human consumption” or “use only as feed”.

Article 6

The Norwegian side is responsible for the inspection and quarantine of fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC exported to China and for issuing the health certificate to certify that the products meet the requirements of Article 4 of this protocol.

Article 7

Each consignment of fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC being exported to China shall be accompanied with an original health certificate issued by the Norwegian side, including text in Chinese. Before starting the trade, the health certificate format sample must be confirmed by both sides, and the Norwegian side shall provide the Chinese side with 50 copies of the health certificate with valid stamp and valid signature..

Article 8

The Norwegian side must make a notification about any change of the following documents to the Chinese side within one month:

1. Relevant laws and regulations concerning management of factories manufacturing fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC.
2. Analysis items, methods or inspection programs or standards concerning exported fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC.
3. List of factories exporting fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC.
4. Quarantine seal, veterinary health certificate or handwriting of veterinary officers.

Article 9

In case of occurrence of reportable aquatic animal diseases by the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE) or transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), the Norwegian side shall immediately notify the Chinese side.

Article 10

The Chinese side shall carry out necessary monitoring and analysis on imported

Norwegian fish oil, fish meal and other aquatic animal proteins for NHC and notify the Norwegian side in case of severe noncompliance. Effective corrective measures must be taken by the Norwegian side immediately after the notification is received and relevant investigation and rectification report should be submitted to the Chinese side.

Article 11

Upon the agreement of both sides, this protocol can be amended.

Article 12

This protocol will come into force on the date of signing, shall be effective for the period of five years and being automatically extended for another five years unless one of the sides notifies the other side of its intention to amend or terminate this protocol by a written notification before the expiration date. Either side shall notify the other side in writing of its intention to terminate this protocol minimum six months in advance.

Article 13

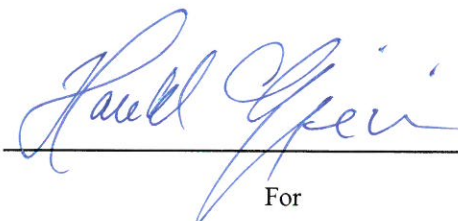
This protocol is signed in Oslo, on May 20th of 2019, done in duplicate in Chinese and English, two versions being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy, two sides shall settle it through negotiation.



For

The General Administration of

Customs of the People's Republic of China



For

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority

The Kingdom of Norway