

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE STATE SERVICE OF UKRAINE ON FOOD
SAFETY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND THE GENERAL
ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON INSPECTION, QUARANTINE SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR HONEY
TO BE EXPORTED FROM UKRAINE TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (hereinafter referred to as "the Ukrainian Side") and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC, hereinafter referred to as "the Chinese Side"), through friendly negotiations, have agreed on the following inspection, quarantine and sanitary requirements on honey to be exported from Ukraine to People's Republic of China (PRC).

Article 1

The Ukrainian Side shall be responsible for the veterinary and sanitary measures of the honey to be exported to PRC and the issuance of the health certificates.

Article 2

The Ukrainian Side shall provide the Chinese Side with the legislation of the honey producing and administration as well as the inspection and quarantine programs, methods, the process and relevant standards of the honey exported to PRC.

The Ukrainian Side shall provide information on the State monitoring plan for residues of veterinary drugs, food hygiene, honeybee diseases and contaminants in honey to the Chinese Side, with annual monitoring results report. The Ukrainian Side should offer details about the prevention and control system on honeybee diseases listed on Article 4 and 5 as required by the Chinese Side, as well as the honeybee diseases and inform the Chinese Side regularly.

Both sides shall establish highly effective information reporting mechanism to cooperate with each other on investigating and handling existing problem on corrective and preventive actions to be taken so as to ensure the establishments in compliance of the import requirement of PRC.

The Ukrainian Side shall permanently ensure that administrative systems for food safety comply with the requirements of PRC. When deemed necessary, the Chinese Side may send experts to Ukraine, regularly or occasionally, to conduct an on-site audit or inspection. The Ukrainian Side shall provide necessary assistance to enable the audit and inspection.

Article 3

The honey bees from which the exported honey are derived shall:

- (1) Originate from apiaries which locate in Ukraine, registered and effectively supervised by Ukrainian Side;

(2) Bees gather nectar, honeydew or secretions of plants shall be non-toxic, not from toxic or transgenic plants;

Article 4

The Ukrainian Side officially confirms freedom of any Small Hive Beetle infestation (*Aethinatumida* Murray Spp.) and any *Tropilaelaps* infestation (*Tropilaelaps* mites Spp.) of honey bees in the Ukrainian territory.

Article 5

(1) Within 6 months, there shall have been no official report of infestation by American foulbrood of honey bees and European foulbrood of honey bees within a radius of 5 kilometers around the apiaries.

(2) Quarantine requirements for *Varroa Destructor*:

The honey come from apiaries situated in a country or zone free from *Varroa* spp.; or have been strained through a filter of pore size smaller than 0.42 mm; or have been heated to at least 50°C core temperature and holding at that temperature for at least 20 minutes, or have been frozen at core temperature of minus 12°C or less for at least 24 hours, in order to kill *Varroa Destructor* completely, and take necessary measures to effectively remove dead mites.

Article 6

The manufacturing establishments intended for exporting honey to PRC shall be registered with the Chinese Side. The competent authorities of the Ukrainian Side shall verify the manufacturing establishments that will export honey to PRC to determine if they comply with the requirements of the legislation of PRC, and this Protocol, and then recommend them to the Chinese Side. According to the recommendation made, the Chinese Side will decide their registrations. Manufacturing establishments that have not registered will not be allowed to import into the People's Republic of China.

Article 7

Honey to be exported to PRC shall be accompanied with the following certificate:

- (1) certifying that the raw materials of exported bee product meet the requirements in Article 3, 4 and 5 of this Protocol;
- (2) certifying that the prohibited veterinary medicines and feed additives have never been utilized on the apiaries from which the honey intended for exportation are derived.
- (3) planning and carrying out the national residue monitoring program. certifying that the residue level of the veterinary medicines, pesticides, microorganism and environmental pollutants such as heavy metals, as well as other undesirable substances contaminated in the products are below the limits stipulated by PRC and Ukraine.

- (4) certifying that the honey is hygienic, safe and fit for human consumption.
- (5) ensuring that the honey from the establishments with established traceability system; and ensuring the honey can be traced to apiaries.

Article 8

The honey be exported to PRC shall neither be mixed or processed together with other products in compliance with the requirements in Article 3, 4 and 5 of this Protocol nor the products not produced by this registered establishment, or products of other species of this registered establishment at the same time. Labeling in each stage, including apiary, honey picking room, manufacture, package and storage, shall be in line with existing legislation. Independent warehouse, or specific area identified clearly shall be available exclusively for the storage of honey intended for exportation.

Article 9

Honey to be exported to PRC shall be packed with food contact materials in compliance with Chinese National Food Safety Standard.

The package shall be sealed and labeled in Chinese with the name, specifications, place of origin (state/province/city), establishment registration number, batch numbers, destination (destination to be labeled as "The People's Republic of China"), production date (year/month/day) and shelf life, etc.

The labels of prepackaged honey shall comply with the standards and regulatory requirements of PRC on pre-packaged food labeling.

Article 10

To prevent contamination with undesirable substances, during packaging, storage and transportation, the honey to be exported to PRC shall meet the related sanitary requirements of Ukraine and PRC.

Prior to shipment, the container shall be sealed under the supervision of the competent authority of Ukraine. The seal number shall be specified on the health certificate. During transportation, the packaging of products shall not be removed or altered.

Article 11

Each container of honey to be exported from Ukraine to China shall be accompanied by an original health certificate attesting that the products are in compliance with the animal and public health legislation of Ukraine and China and the provisions of this Protocol.

The health certificate shall be written in Ukrainian, Chinese and English. The format and content of the certificate shall be mutually consented in advance by both sides.

The Ukrainian Side provides the Chinese Side with the samples of stamps and seal marks, health certificate specimens, list of officials authorized to sign together with relevant signature specimens, and the clarification on certificate protection levels. In case of any changes to the above mentioned, the Ukrainian Side shall notify this to the Chinese Side at least one month prior to the changes coming into effect.

Article 12

When there is any occurrence of parasitic diseases in Ukraine as listed in Article 4 of this Protocol, the Ukrainian Side shall immediately suspend the exportation of bee products, recall of the products and other products with potential risk, inform the Chinese Side promptly and provide information on infestation investigation and control of situation in details.

When there are any occurrence in Ukraine of the infectious or parasitic diseases as listed in Article 5 of this Protocol, related to Category B diseases stated in the List of Quarantine Diseases for the Animals Imported to the People's Republic of China by Chinese legislation, relevant to bee, might possibly spread via honey, any other diseases of parasite incident which may affect the honey for exportation, the apiaries which export honey to PRC and the area within a radius of 50 kilometres around the apiaries shall be monitored. Once the above-mentioned apiaries and areas were confirmed to be affected, the Ukrainian Side shall stop the exportation of the honey produced in relevant areas immediately, recall of the products and other products with potential risk, inform the Chinese Side promptly and provide information on how the incidents happened and controlled.

When there is any occurrence in Ukraine of significant food safety incident which may affect the quality and safety of honey for exportation, the Ukrainian Side shall inform the Chinese Side immediately, take necessary measures, including suspending the export to PRC of the involved enterprises, recall of the products and other products with potential risk and provide information on investigation and disposition of the incidents happened.

Upon eradication of the infestation or at the end of the food safety incident, if it is required to resume the trade, negotiation shall be conducted between the Chinese Side and the Ukrainian Side according to the international practice.

Article 13

If the Chinese side finds that the bee products are non-compliant with the requirements of this Protocol, the Chinese Side shall notify the Ukrainian side in a timely manner, and implement return, destruction or other disposals to the products. Both the importing and exporting country shall cooperate with each other to investigate the reasons and take corrective actions and rectifications to prevent recurrence of non-compliance.

Article 14

In this Protocol, honey means a natural sweet substance formed through sufficient brewing after the nectar, secretion or bee products dew of plant collected by honeybees being mixed with their own secretion.

Article 15

This Protocol shall enter into force from the date of signature and shall be valid for five years. This Protocol can be amended with the mutual consent of both sides. If neither side notifies the other side of its intention to terminate this Protocol, it shall automatically be extended for subsequent five-year periods. This Protocol shall be terminated after six months from the date of receipt by either side of written notification to the other side of its intention to terminate it.

Article 16

Done at Beijin city on 27th Nov-2019 in duplicate, each in Ukrainian, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

All disputes concerning the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of this Protocol shall be resolved through negotiations and consultations between the Sides. In case if divergences of interpretation of the provisions of this Protocol, the English text shall prevail.

For
the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety
and Consumer Protection the General



For
the Administration of Customs of
the People's Republic of China

