

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF  
CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE  
EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL OF THE MINISTRY OF  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA IN  
RESPECT OF HYGIENE AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE EXPORT OF FISH MEAL / FISH OIL FROM INDIA TO  
CHINA**

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (here in after referred to as "the Chinese side") and the Export Inspection Council, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of REPUBLIC OF INDIA (here in after referred to as "the Indian side"), (collectively referred as both sides) have reached consensus on hygiene and inspection requirements of fish meal / fish oil exported from India to China as follows:

**Article 1**

Both sides will cooperate with an objective to import fish meal, fish oil from India to China in accordance with domestic laws and regulations".

**Article 2**

Production and processing establishments exporting fish meal, fish oil to China shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Approved and supervised by the competent authority of India;
2. Be in compliance with the requirements of China concerning safety and hygiene control of fish oil, fish meal.

**Article 3**

The Indian side shall ensure that the raw materials used to produce fish meal, fish oil exported to China are:

1. Either aquatic animals caught in the country or region's domestic sea areas or in the open sea or farming aquatic animals;
2. Either the entire bodies of aquatic animals or fresh by-products from plants manufacturing aquatic products for human consumption;
3. Not from aquatic animals which died abnormally or were killed for disease eradication and do not contain any other ingredients of animal origin.

#### Article 4

The processing, storage and transportation of fish meal, fish oil exported to China shall comply with the following requirements:

1. The products are not contaminated with any ingredients of non-aquatic animal origin during the processing, storage or transportation;
2. The products have been subjected to a heat treatment of at least 85° C for 15 minutes through out its substances, or have been treated with other means which are recognized by the Chinese side to be equivalent;
3. Effective measures have been taken to prevent contamination both during and post the production process.
4. The products are packed in new, clean, sealed, impermeable, moisture resistant and not easily broken packaging materials, with a label in compliance with the Chinese standard printed to the outside packaging material, bearing the official approval number of the establishment and the words "use only as animal feed" for fish meal on it.
5. Effective measures have been taken during transportation to avoid contamination. As for bulk transportation, the containers or other means of transport should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the relevant competent authority before use.

#### Article 5

The exported fish meal, fish oil shall meet the following requirements:

1. Must not contain any hazardous substances which pose a risk to public or animal health, and must be in conformity with the safety and hygiene standards of China concerning fish meal, fish oil must not be contaminated with any products of animal origin from third countries.
2. Feed additives used must be in compliance with laws and regulations of China.

#### Article 6

Every consignment of fish meal, fish oil exported to China must be accompanied with an original health certificate issued by the Export Inspection Council. The format and content of the certificate must be recognized by both sides, and be in compliance with relevant provisions described in this protocol as well as relevant Chinese laws and regulations. The certificate must be issued in both Chinese and English; however, the entries shall be made in English.

#### Article 7

Following effective control measures shall be taken by the competent authority of India to ensure the quality and hygiene of the exported fish meal, fish oil:

1. Monitor the establishments on a regular basis and keep record of the results so as to ensure that a sound quality and safety control system are implemented by the approved establishments and the requirements of China are duly met.
2. Necessary monitoring of hazardous substances concerning exported fish meal, fish oil, must be carried out. Relevant monitoring program and annual report must be provided to the Chinese side annually.

#### Article 8

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

#### Article 9

For export purpose, the India side shall make a notification about any change of the following documents to the Chinese side within one month and get the approval of the Chinese side:

1. Relevant laws and regulations concerning management of establishments manufacturing fish meal, fish oil.
2. Analysis items, methods or inspection programs or standards concerning exported fish meal, fish oil.
3. Recommended list of establishments exporting fish meal, fish oil.
4. Seal & signature of the inspecting officials

#### Article 10

The Indian side shall approve / disapprove the fish meal , fish oil establishments on regular basis and send the suitable recommendations to Chinese side. Upon receipt of the communication from India side, Chinese Side shall update their website by adding / deleting the name of the establishments as the case may be.



#### Article 11

Under the application for extension of the Indian side, the Chinese side may sent the expert to India to carry out an on-site visit. The experts may review the control system of fish meal, fish oil exported to China with a special focus on the safety and hygiene control system.

#### Article 12

The Chinese side shall carry out necessary monitoring and analysis on imported Indian fish meal, fish oil and notify the Indian side in case of severe noncompliance along with the complete details including the copy of the test report in English. Effective corrective measures must be taken by the Indian side immediately after the notification is received and relevant investigation and rectification report should be submitted to the Chinese side. Any difference concerning the provisions of the Protocol may be settled amicably between the sides by mutual consultations.

#### Article 13

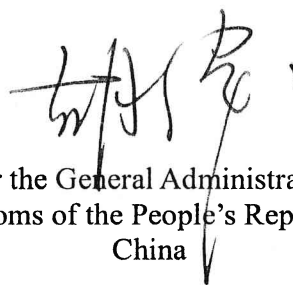
This protocol shall enter into force upon signature by both sides, shall be effective for the period of two years and reviewed after the end of two years. This protocol may be modified or revised by both sides through consultation.

#### Article 14

In witness whereof, the following representatives duly authorized by their sides have signed this protocol done at New Delhi on November 28, 2018, in two original copies, each in Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



For Export Inspection Council,  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industry,  
Govt. of India



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