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EXPORT POLICY

DGFT adds 20 countries to the I-CAS Halal certification list for meat exports

Notification No. 59/2025-26 brings 20 more countries under I-CAS Halal certification for specified meat exports, after two weeks, or six months for Egypt.

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THE CHANGE

The list is expanded to include twenty additional countries: Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Lebanon, Senegal, Maldives, Brunei, Libya, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Mauritius, Seychelles, Kenya and Morocco.

KEY FACTS

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For all the added countries except Egypt, after a transition period of two (02) weeks from the date of the notification; for Egypt, after a period of six (06) months from the date of the notification

REFERENCES

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The added countries are Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Lebanon, Senegal, Maldives, Brunei, Libya, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Mauritius, Seychelles, Kenya and Morocco. They join the list of notified countries for mandatory Halal certification under the India Conformity Assessment Scheme (I-CAS) for the specified products.

For all the added countries except Egypt, the I-CAS Halal requirements take effect after a transition period of two weeks from the date of the notification. For Egypt, they take effect six months from that date, to facilitate system readiness and onboarding of certification bodies. All other policy conditions, including certification by NABCB-accredited bodies and compliance with importing country regulations under Notification No. 34/2024-25, remain unchanged.

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Products	Meat and Meat products (specified)
Before	The list of countries in Paragraph 1(v) of Notification No. 34/2024-25 dated 01.10.2024 for the export of specified Meat and Meat products.
After	The list is expanded to include twenty additional countries: Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Lebanon, Senegal, Maldives, Brunei, Libya, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Mauritius, Seychelles, Kenya and Morocco.

Applies from	For all the added countries except Egypt, after a transition period of two (02) weeks from the date of the notification; for Egypt, after a period of six (06) months from the date of the notification
Conditions	• For all the added countries except Egypt, the compliance requirements under the India Conformity Assessment Scheme (I-CAS)- Halal take effect after a transition period of two (02) weeks from the date of the notification. • For Egypt, the requirements take effect after a period of six (06) months from the date of the notification, to facilitate system readiness and onboarding of certification bodies. • All other policy conditions, including the requirement for certification by NABCB-accredited bodies and compliance with importing country regulations as per Notification No. 34/2024-25, remain unchanged.
Applies to	Exporters of the specified meat and meat products to the twenty added countries.
Issued under	Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act 1992, read with Para 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023
Signed by	LAV AGARWAL, Director General of Foreign Trade & ex-officio Addl. Secy.

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