



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Agriculture Production Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K**

Subject: Transportation of Dairy animals, Sheep/Goats and Poultry Birds into J&K - Adherence to SOPs at Rinderpest Check Post, Lakhanpur thereof.

Government Order: 460-JK (APD) of 2024

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J&K imports milch animals, sheep, goats, and poultry birds to meet the growing demand within the region. To ensure that no diseased animals or birds are transported into J&K, the Rinderpest Check Post at Lakhanpur has been established. This Check post is tasked with conducting mandatory health screening and test checks of livestock and poultry birds entering the Union Territory to safeguard the health of local livestock and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

However, instances of doubtful documents presented by importers at the Rinderpest Check Post, Lakhanpur, have been noticed during detailed checks. To address this and improve operations, it has been decided to streamline the process and establish clear SOPs.

Therefore, in supersession of all the previous orders, the following SOPs are issued for effective monitoring of livestock and poultry birds entering J&K through the Rinderpest Check Post, Lakhanpur.

Specific SOP:

A. Dairy Animals:

- i. Buyers must register at the Animal Husbandry Check post, Lakhanpur for the purchase and transportation of Livestock and dairy animals from outside J&K. After registration, livestock and dairy animals arriving at the Lakhanpur Check Post will undergo general health checks and disease screening.
- ii. Upon confirming the fitness of the animals, they will be tagged and vaccinated if necessary. A fitness certificate will be issued as promptly as possible, preferably within two hours.
- iii. After verifying the credentials of the vehicle and driver, a verification report will be submitted to the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Kathua, on the same day. The officer will then recommend the case to the District Magistrate, Kathua along with the Health

Certificate and the Verification Report for issuance of Movement Passes.

- iv. District Magistrate, Kathua or their authorized representative will issue Movement Pass for the destination point within J&K.

B. Sheep/Goats:

- i. Suitable ramps shall be provided for loading and unloading Sheep or Goats.
- ii. Sheep and Goats shall be transported separately; but if lots are small, special partitions shall be provided to separate them.
- iii. Rams and male young stock shall not be mixed with female stock in the same compartment.
- iv. Sufficient food and fodder shall be carried to last during the journey and watering facility shall be provided at regular intervals by the buyers/caretakers.
- v. Each consignment must be accompanied by a valid health certificate issued by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon from the point of origin, confirming that the sheep and goats are fit for road travel and free from infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases.
- vi. Materials for padding, such as straw, not less than 5 cm thick shall be placed on the floor to avoid Injury if an animal lies down.
- vii. The animals shall not be fettered unless there is a risk of their jumping out and their legs shall not be tied down.
- viii. The space required for a Goat shall be the same as that for a woolled sheep in accordance with the Transport rules in vogue (for small truck, not more than 40 and for normal 2 tiered truck, not more than 135).

C. Poultry Birds:

- i. Condemned birds or mortality, if any, shall be properly disposed of by burying the carcass in pits with lime.
- ii. Ante mortem examination shall be done on lot basis while consignments are in the vehicle.
- iii. Poultry Birds shall be taken out from the cages on random basis for physical examination for any sign of disease or sickness.
- iv. Poultry birds shall not be exposed to the sunlight, rain and in direct flow line of air during transportation.
- v. Poultry birds shall not be transported when it is too hot/cold.
- vi. The transportation containers carrying poultry birds shall not remain stationary for more than 30 min and during this period, it shall be parked in shade and arrangements shall be made for feeding and watering.
- vii. Poultry Birds shall be properly fed and watered before they are placed in container for transportation and extra feed and water shall be provided in vehicle, if a vehicle is to travel more than 6 hours.

General SOP:

1. The records of all the consignments carrying Livestock entering the Rinder Pest Check Post, Lakhanpur shall necessarily be maintained as per the following details which shall be shared with the District Magistrate Kathua and the Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir on daily basis.
 - i. Name of consignee /Address/Contact number.
 - ii. Date and time of arrival at the check post.
 - iii. Details of the originating farm registered with Animal Husbandry Department of originating State like Name, Address, Registration Number and the contact details.
 - iv. Purpose of transport- Commercial/Breeding/Day old chick /Culled Females/others.
 - v. Batch number allotted to consignment originating from single Farm to ensure traceability /recall in case of reported disease outbreak.
 - vi. Date and time of Dispatch of the consignment.
 - vii. Detail of fitness Certificate issued by Veterinary practitioner for each consignment viz Name of Veterinary Practitioner/Contact number /email address and Registration number issued by Veterinary Council of India (VCI) who has given the fitness certificate.
 - viii. Vaccination details if any.
2. Working of the Check Post shall be monitored through Close Circuit cameras and the record of at least last six months shall be preserved for any inspection.
3. Staff shall be posted/deputed at the Check post by the Director, Animal Husbandry Jammu and shall work in shifts.
4. Movement history of dairy animals/birds shall also be uploaded on NDLM portal through unique tag.
5. Laboratory/Clinical tests wherever required shall be conducted and referral made in a time bound manner.
6. The certificate issued by VAS shall be serial numbered and advance notification regarding proposed consignment containing detail of consignee and consignment regarding number of Animals/birds shall be made 24 hrs in advance on official email address of Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Rinderpest Control Officer/Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Lakhanpur.
7. Random sampling for contagious, infectious or parasitic diseases shall be conducted instead of unloading all the animals/birds.
8. Sampling of the animals/birds for contagious/zoonotic diseases shall be done in the lab and the samples shall be sent to BSL-2 lab for confirmation of the diseases wherever required.
9. Samples tested positive on Rapid Test for various diseases shall be sent to NRDDL Jalandhar for further confirmation, in case of any suspicion of infection, the vehicle shall remain in isolation till the confirmation of test by BSL-2 Lab and on confirmation, the vehicle shall not be allowed to enter into J&K.

10. Working of the check post shall be monitored digitally and a weekly report in this behalf shall be submitted by the Director Animal Husbandry Jammu to the Administrative Department on every Monday.
11. Animals are to be allowed to enter only through Rinder Pest Check Post, Lakhanpur and entry from other points into J&K shall be barred.
12. District Administration shall constitute flying squads drawing officers from Animal/Sheep Husbandry Department, District Administration and Police authorities who besides conducting checks at sale points shall also conduct checks of the vehicles carrying Poultry/Dairy/Sheep & Goat while in transit in their respective jurisdiction.
13. Flying squads under the provisions of "the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009" shall seize the vehicles violating the prescribed SOPs.
14. The vehicles shall be provided/arranged by the Director Animal Husbandry, Jammu/Kashmir which shall remain stationed at district headquarters under the overall supervision of the Chief Animal Husbandry Officer of the concerned District.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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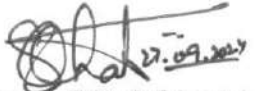
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