



MALDIVES FOOD AND DRUG AUTHORITY

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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To: Competent Authorities of Exporting Countries

**Subject: Mandatory Compliance with Codex Guidelines for Import Health Certificates
– Republic of Maldives**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Maldives Food and Drug authority of the Republic of Maldives wishes to inform all concerned authorities that, effective from 15th January 2026, all food consignments imported into the Maldives must be accompanied by an Import Health Certificate that is fully compliant with the Codex Guidelines for the Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates (CXG 38-2001).

This requirement applies specifically to the importation of the following products:

- Meat and meat products
- Poultry and poultry products
- Fish and fishery products
- Eggs and egg products

The import health certificate must be issued by the competent authority of the exporting country and must include all necessary information as outlined in the Codex guideline, including but not limited to:

- Identification of the product and country of origin
- Details of production, processing, and handling procedures
- Assurance that the product complies with the public health and safety requirements of the Maldives

- Authentication by the issuing authority through an official stamp, signature, and unique certificate number

Please be advised that non-compliance with this requirement may result in rejection of the consignment at the port of entry.

In order to facilitate the implementation of this requirement and ensure the smooth importation of food products, we kindly request all exporting countries to inform the Maldives Food and Drug Authority of their designated certifying bodies/competent authorities responsible for issuing Import Health Certificates.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at border.foodcontrol@health.gov.mv.

Yours Sincerely,



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