



Customer Advisory

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Dear Valued Customers

SUBJECT: Mandatory Health Certificate Requirement for Import of Foodstuff to Kuwait

Please be advised that, in accordance with the regulatory requirements established by the Kuwait port authorities, all imports of foodstuffs into Kuwait are mandated to possess a valid health certification.

- The health certificate must be issued before the shipment departs from the country of origin.
- This requirement is enforced by the Public Authority for Food and Nutrition (PAFN), Kuwait and referenced in Ministerial Resolution No. 6 of 2023.
- The certificate must confirm that the food is safe, suitable for human consumption, and complies with Kuwait's standards.

Additionally, a related regulation from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), Kuwait highlights that:

- The health certificate must be issued *before the production date* of the goods.
- While this applies primarily to phytosanitary certificates, it reflects Kuwait's strict stance on documentation timing.

Failing to meet this timing requirement can result in:

- Rejection of the shipment at the port.
- Delays in customs clearance.
- Potential penalties or re-exportation costs.

These measures are mandatory and must be strictly followed to ensure compliance with Kuwait's import regulations and to avoid any delays, penalties, or rejections at destination.

For any clarification, please contact our Kuwait office.

Thanks & Best Regards,
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