Date 07/06/2011. [redacted]

Report on Trade Access Mission to The People's Republic of China 01-03 June 2011.

Persons present: [redacted]

1. **Summary:**

1.Meetings with AQSIQ[1]:

- **Pigs for breeding:** Concerns regarding rigid procedures were discussed.
- **Pig meat:** Discussed procedures for export of pig meat. Electronic pre-certification will be required.

2. Meeting with CNCA[2]:

- **Pig meat:** Discussed plant approvals and extension of the list of approved products.

Action points for: [redacted] **Please note that all communications with China must be routed through or seen by** [redacted] **before they are sent.**

No.	Subject and paragraph number from detail.	Action	Priority	Target date	For
1	2.1 Pigs	Amend nfg, inform industry, RCVS and CVO	High	asap	[redacted]/DCMES/AHVLA Carlisle

[1] AQSIQ: General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China.

[2] CNCA: Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China.

2	2.4(a) pig meat	Check on OV stamps etc. Discuss internal procedures with industry and FSA Agree lines to take on feet Traceability Pre – certification	high	asap	DCMES / Industry / FSA / AHVLA / BE Beijing
3	2.6 Pig meat re CNCA	Tabulate plants and their status. Agree working on revised forms for plants. Agree internal protocols Amend NFG	High	3 weeks	DCMES / AHVLA / FSA / Industry

Detail:

2.. Meetings with AQSIQ on 1/6/11: [redacted]

2.1. Pigs: (a) Certification for pH1N1- Current certification requires a declaration of 3 months freedom of cases of pH1N1 within 50km of the holding of origin. I explained again that we consider that this is inappropriate and that this condition should be reconsidered urgently with a view to removing it. I mentioned a recent consignment which was 47.5km from an affected farm – this was only resolved by retesting the pigs for export and some very difficult negotiations. We are aware that other countries are concerned about this. I also pointed out that in small countries such as the UK, if the surveillance for pH1N1 is effective, this requirement is likely to affect exports. [redacted] said that other countries have to do the same but that China's experts would consider reviewing this condition and that this may be modified in the future once the experts have carried out a risk assessment.

Action: AG to inform industry and to amend notes for guidance.

Pigs: (b) Pre isolation premises: the current protocol requires the pigs to be pre-isolated on the holding of origin but in some cases there is just insufficient space to do so. Dr Yu agreed to consider the issue and to consider exceptions if these are applied for.

Action: AG to inform industry and to amend notes for guidance.

Pigs: (c) deletions on the EHC: I explained the serious certification problems that were caused by the ruling that no deletions were permitted on the EHC. [redacted] considered that a recent problem relating to a declaration of freedom from pH1N1 within 50km as an exception and he said that he hoped this won't happen regularly. He said that future cases had to be communicated with AQSIQ to find the best solution. I commented that such problems were likely to reoccur with an EHC of such complexity. I provided him with a translated version of the 12 principles of certification.

Action: [redacted] to inform industry, RCVS and CVO

Pigs: (d): copies of EHCs: [redacted] agreed that we can mark the two copies of the EHC as "Copy" (the protocol requires that the original EHC and two copies are provided).

Action: [redacted] to amend notes for guidance.

Pigs: (e): Other issues: [redacted] agreed to my request that when the protocol is revised, consideration should be given to certification for freedom from PRRS (Article 5 paragraph 5 of the import protocol), vaccination for PPV only and false positive test results.

Action: Defra DCMES to note.

[redacted]

2.4. a) Pig meat and b) beef / sheep meat on 2/6/11: – [redacted]

a) Pig meat: I provided 50 copies of the pig meat EHC. [redacted] said they will need a list of OVs and their signatures and stamps – I advised that we had already provided them in our letters to CNCA but that we can provide them again if required.

I thanked [redacted] for AQSIQ's agreement with the EU that supplementary certification for pH1N1 is no longer required for each consignment of pig meat.

I asked again regarding electronic pre-certification of shipments. [redacted] confirmed that this will be required and he said that he will provide details. (On 2/6 I subsequently also obtained details from [redacted] previously from the Spanish Embassy in Beijing (see annex A)). [redacted] also mentioned that NZ/AUS/NL also have software enabling the details to be uploaded directly from the internet. He provided the name of [redacted] director of Customs and Clearance who may be able to provide details on this.

[redacted] then provided information on the procedures required for export of meat to China for [redacted] He advised them to inform UK industry to be aware of AQSIQ's notice (No. 136, 4th January 2011) regarding traceability and requirement of packaging and labelling). PH confirmed that they would do this. I confirmed that industry would also be informed of this in our guidance to exporters (our notes for guidance). We are already aware of this notice.

[redacted] stated the importance of this trade to the UK and that the industry understood the need to comply with the hygiene standards required.

> **Action:** [redacted] to discuss with [redacted] and FSA and to agree working on feet.
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> [redacted] to discuss internal procedures with industry and FSA regarding traceability.
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> [redacted] to contact AHVLA Carlisle re pre-certification and to ask BE Beijing to contact [redacted]

2.6. Meeting with CNCA regarding plant approvals for export of pig meat– [redacted]

I asked [redacted] about approval of the six plants that we had submitted to CNCA in November and January. [redacted] responded that two cold stores had been approved (this is important as it sets the precedent that China can approve a plant based on our recommendation) and that these two plants have also been listed on their website. He asked that we should provide additional comments on the other plants (those have done the necessary modifications) in accordance with the format of the reports provided by [redacted] in 2009 and that we should also specifically address any deficiencies identified by [redacted] He asked that we should provide updates on any improvements which have been made (with photographs if these are available). He specifically commented on the findings for cutting plant 1004 (which has now withdrawn its application) related to MSM and asked us to ensure that reports for other cutting plants include comments on the findings in [redacted] report for plant 1004. He also asked us to specifically comment on the handling of MSM in any cutting plants. China has a stricter audit policy towards cutting plants particularly independent cutting plants due to the nature of complicated traceability control for those plants.

He asked that we should also provide a formal letter stating any changes to any plants and that we should also indicate if any plants had been withdrawn from the process. He said that he would get back to us regarding the applications for the three plants which were submitted in January 2011.

On extending the list of products he said that they will respond to our request to include feet / trotters in the approved list of products. He said we will not need any formal agreement to extend the list of products, as long as the UK can prove that the trotters are processed strictly as a food product. He stressed that China will only accept trotters which have been removed after the carcase and offal have been inspected. He said it was too early to talk about including stomachs and intestines as these products required more complicated hygiene criteria. We agreed that we could not consider the export of lungs at present as these are incised in the UK (China does not want this). He agreed that we should aim to agree something by the July summit.

Action: [redacted] to discuss with [redacted] and FSA and to agree working for revised applications.

> Defra DCMES to tabulate the state of play with all applications.

Date 07/06/2011. [redacted]

[redacted] to discuss internal procedures including notes for guidance with AHVLA, industry, FSA, RCVS and PVS as necessary.

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