

CHAPTER 5

MEAT QUALITY AND SAFETY PROGRAMME

All the Export Oriented Units have a mandatory requirement of accreditation with HACCP and ISO standards to instill confidence in the consumer about quality and safety of meat.

HACCP

It is mandatory by APEDA that all the export oriented units (EOU) have to follow the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) as a control system designed to identify and prevent microbial and other hazards in meat production.

It includes steps designed to prevent problems before they occur and corrected as soon as they are detected.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), The National Standard Authority of India (NSAI) on food hygiene has developed HACCP and its guidelines for application. ISO 9001:2008 is technically equivalent to International Standard (ISO) of Codex, HACCP. Integrated Management System Certification provides for certification i.e., Quality Management Systems against IS / ISO 9001 and HACCP Certification against IS : 15000 : 1998 through one audit, under one certificate.

The HACCP is mandatory for export as it reduces contamination, reduces recall of consignment, provides market protection and confidence in consumers. It has an international acceptance and provides quality assurance to branded products.

The HACCP addresses all types of hazards, namely, physical, chemical and microbiological and can be integrated in small, medium and large scale enterprises.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – ISO 9001: 2008

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has been providing guidance to the Indian food industry by formulating the national standards and certification systems. The BIS is operating Quality Management Systems Certification Scheme (QMSCS) according to IS / ISO 9001:2008 as one of the Schemes under Management Systems Certification. This standard is identical to ISO 9001 : 2000.

Most of the meat exporting plants have ISO 9001 – 2000 or 2008 certification.

HALAL SYSTEM OF SLAUGHTER

All the animals are slaughtered by Halal System under strict vigilance of Jamait-e-Ulema-e-Hind as per the tenents of Islamic Shriyat. The certificate for Halal is issued by the representative of Jamait-e-Ulema-e-Hind under whose supervision the slaughter is conducted.