

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Q.1 What is sanitary import permit?

Ans. The sanitary import permit is a document issued under Section 3 (a) of the livestock importation act 1898 authorising import of livestock and livestock products. It is not a licence but it communicates the sanitary requirement to be fulfilled by the exporting country before the entry of livestock product into India.

Q.2 Why Sanitary import permit is required?

Ans. The livestock product may carry exotic diseases that are not prevailing in India. Therefore, the sanitary import permit envisages sanitary conditions to be certified by the official veterinarian of the exporting country to mitigate the risk of ingress of exotic diseases.

Q.3 Who can apply?

Ans. An individual/ importer having valid Import Export Code (IEC) dealing with trading and marketing of various livestock product and also the industries requiring for further processing may apply for the sanitary import permit.

Q.4 What is the format of application for SIP for import of livestock product ?

Ans. Form "A" & "B" as notified vide Notification No. S.O. 2666(E) dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 for import of livestock products requiring sanitary import permit for personal and trade purposes respectively are available on the website: sip.nic.in.

Q.5 What are the Documents required for obtaining sanitary import permit ?

Ans. An importer intending to import livestock product for human consumption may obtain license from the Food Safety Authority of India specifying category of business as importer. A copy of the license obtained from Food Safety Authority of India should be attached with the application. A catalogue and brief description of the product may also be attached.

Q.6 What is the Validity period of sanitary import permit?

Ans. The validity of sanitary import permit for different livestock products varies from three months to one year against which the multiple consignment are allow within the validity period and quantity permitted in the SIP. The validity period can be extended on request from the importers and for reasons to be recorded in writing.

Q.7 How to Register as importer on SIP portal ?

Ans. After accessing home page with <https://sip.nic.in>, click on the New Importer Registration, fill all the contact details including User ID, Password, E-mail ID, IE Code, One Time Password (OTP) and click submit button. Fields against which \* is marked are compulsory

Q. 8. How to Login?

Ans. Enter your user ID, Password and Captcha image and click Login. Welcome page will be displayed.

Q. 9. How to apply online?

Ans. After Login, expand apply Online button and fill the requisite form A or B, attach the catalogue / documents in support of the application, save it and go to next step for payment.

Q. 10. How to pay processing fees?

Ans. Online payment of Rs. 300/- can be made through the online payment gateway.

Q. 11. How to know you're the status of application?

Ans. Login to the system as explained earlier, expand application status link and the status will be shown.

Q. 12. How will the Sanitary Import Permit (SIP) be delivered?

Ans. After processing and approval of the application the SIP will be uploaded on the website and can be printed for one time only.

Q. 13. How will the deficiency of documents be communicated to importer ?

Ans. The Department will send a mail on the registered mail ID for regarding deficient documents / catalogue / copy of any certificate. The Importer will have to upload the same on SIP portal after logging in.

Q. 14. In case of any discrepancy in the SIP, can amendment be made?

Ans. The corrigendum / amendment may be made in SIP on case to case basis on the basis of sufficient grounds.

Q. 15. Does importer has to register afresh for each new SIP application?

Ans. No. One importer with one IEC certificate can be registered only once. Each new SIP application can be filed with the existing ID & password.

Q. 16. If the importer forgets the password, can it be recovered?

Ans. The password can be retrieved through OTP on Importer Registered Mobile Number.

Q. 17. How should importer change Profile details in SIP application?

Ans. After login to SIP application, an Importer can change his/her Profile details & Password as given during Registration.

Q. 18. What are the Steps for Online Applying of SIP for Importers?

Ans. Importer can download SIP-User Manual after login to SIP application.