

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF GOATS OR SHEEP FOR PURPOSE OF SLAUGHTER FROM THAILAND INTO MALAYSIA

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

1. Import licence

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Director concerned permitting the importation of such animals into the State(s) of Malaysia.

2. Description of Animal

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals.

3. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent veterinary authority of Thailand (DLD) certifying that:-

- 3.1 the animals originated from foot and mouth disease free zone.
- 3.2 the animals have been vaccinated with trivalent FMD vaccine (O1, A22 and Asia 1) at the accredited farm(s) where they have been confined and observed for twenty one (21) days and identified before they are taken to the quarantine stations in Southern Thailand where another vaccination against FMD (trivalent) is required.
- 3.3 the animal are free from any infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.
- 3.4 the specified part or region of the country from which the animals were originated has been free from rinderpest, foot and mouth disease and peste de petits ruminant for the past twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 3.5 the animals have be serologically tested and found to be negative against the following diseases:
 - i) caseous lymphadenitis (CLA) by the agar-gel precipitation test (AGPT).
 - ii) melioidosis by the serum agglutination test (SAT).
 - iii)brucellosis (Br. malentesis) by the complement fixation test (CFT).

4. Transportation

The consignment of animals shall be carried by ship, aircraft, trains or trucks direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport as directed by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Director concerned.

5. Quarantine in Malaysia

Upon arrival in Malaysia, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of not less than 10 clear days at the approved quarantine stations. The first day being counted after the last animal has been admitted; all the animals shall be released on the 11th day.

The animals released from the quarantine station shall be moved in sealed wagons or sealed lorries to the approved abattoirs for direct slaughter under the veterinary supervision.

6. Fee

The following fees are payable, for each consignment of sheep/goats imported into Malaysia :-

- (i) Import licence : RM 3 per head
- (ii) Quarantine fee : RM 2 per head
- (iii) Quarantine certificate : RM 1 per head

7. Approval for Importation

7.1 All applications for importation must first be made to the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.

7.2 An Import licence must then be obtained from the State Director of Veterinary Services supervising the quarantine station (Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan or Selangor) for every consignment of animals to be imported.

8. Control in Thailand

From the accredited farm(s), all animals destined for export to Malaysia shall be held at the approved quarantine stations in Southern Thailand for further 72 hours (3 days) prior to loading the ship, aircraft, trains or lorries.

9. Landing Places in Malaysia

9.1 From Kantang the landing points in Malaysia are:-

- i) Butterworth

Animals quarantined here are for Penang, Taiping, Ipoh and Alor Star abattoirs.

- ii) Port Klang

Animals quarantined here are for Shah Alam, Seremban, Malacca and Johore Bahru abattoirs.

9.2 From Haadyai the consignment should proceed to Padang Besar Quarantine Station to be quarantined for approved abattoirs which have lairage facilities.

9.3 From Sungai Golok quarantine station, the consignment should proceed to Rantau Panjang Quarantine Station, in sealed lorries, to be quarantined for approved abattoirs which have lairage facilities.

10. Importing Agents

If an importer is importing through agents then all the agents must be registered with the office of the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.

11. Schedule of Importation

All Importers or Importing agents shall inform the State Director of Veterinary Services (Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan or Selangor) supervising the quarantine station the number of animals to be

imported, date of import and shall follow the schedule of importation issued by the State Director concerned. This is to avoid overcrowding of quarantine facilities.