

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE FROM BRAZIL 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 officer of the Veterinary Authority of Brazil certifying that:

- 3.1 the animals were clinically healthy at the time of export and that Brazil has been free from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine spongiform encephalopathy and rinderpest for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.
- 3.2 the animals originated from foot and mouth disease free zone(s) and certified to be free of FMD by the liquid phase ELISA system.
- 3.3 the animals showed no signs of vesicular stomatitis at the time of export and were kept and protected from insects vectors in an approved quarantine station for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to export; and the animals came from a herd officially free from vesicular stomatitis and showed negative response to complement fixation test for the diseases during the thirty (30) days prior to export.
- 3.4 the animal originated from rabies free zone.
- 3.5 the animals had given a negative reaction to two consecutives tuberculin test carried out two (2) month apart in which the last test is not more that one (1) month immediately prior to export.
- 3.6 the animals were not suffering or had not suffered from Johne's disease and that they had not been in contact with any animals known to be suffering from such disease and that the farm from which they were derived had been free from Johne's disease for the preceding five (5) years and that the animals were tested by a skin allergy test with Johnin or an avian tuberculin test or the complement fixation test not more than one (1) month prior to export and found to be negative to the tests.
- 3.7 the animals came from a farm certified to be free from brucellosis and that all animals with the exception of females and certified by a competent veterinary surgeon have been vaccinated with live strain S19 brucella abortus vaccine, between the ages of 3 to 6 months; and are below 18 months of age at the time of export, shall be blood tested by the complement fixation test with negative results not more than one (1) month prior to export.

3.8 the animals came from farm certified free from bovine venereal campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis and in the case of bulls subjected to direct microscopic and cultural examination of preputial specimens and found to be negative within one (1) month prior to export.

3.9 the animals have been vaccinated against babesiosis and anaplasmosis within one (1) month prior to export and further that these animals are free from ticks.

3.10 the animals showed no clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis at the time of export; and the animals came from a herd officially free from enzootic bovine leukosis and showed negative response to the serological tests to the disease during the thirty (30) days prior to export.

3.11 the animals came from farm certified by a Government Veterinary Authority to be free from leptospirosis caused by leptospira of the serotypes hardjo, pomona, tarassovi (hyos) and that blood from the animals was tested by the microscopic agglutination test for leptospirosis not more than one (1) month prior to export with titres less than 1/100. Provided that should any animal came from a farm not so certified such animal's blood shall has been submitted to two such tests at an interval of two to three weeks between the two tests, with the second test result being not more four (4) times the titre of the first test result and that the second test shall has been carried out within one (1) month immediately prior to export; provided further, that if the animals were below 12 months of age and have been vaccinated against leptospira serotype hardjo, pomona, tarassovi (hyos), such animals need not be blood tested and that each heifer was treated with dihydrostreptomycin at dose rate of 25mg/kg live weight within seven (7) days prior to export.

3.12 that the animals showed no clinical signs of aujeszky's, IBR diseases prior to export.

3.13 the animals have been treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic and deticked; and were treated from of all external and internal parasites within seven (7) days prior to export.

3.14 the animal showed no signs/evidence of screw worm infestation.

4. Declaration by the Master/Captain of the Ship/Aircraft

4.1 the consignment of animal shall be carried by a ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia.

4.2 the consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a certificate from the master/captain of the ship/aircraft in which the cattle were carried stating that :

4.2.1 no ruminants or swine other than the approved consignments from the country were taken on board the ship/aircraft after it left the country.

4.2.2 no fodder or animal feed was taken on board the ship/aircraft at any intermediate port/airport, after it left the country. The fodder or bedding before being taken on board the ship/aircraft shall be fumigated and the fumigation shall be approved and certified by the Quarantine Officer of the country.

5. Transportation

The consignment of animals shall be carried by ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place (port or airport) as directed by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.

6. Quarantine in Malaysia

A quarantine period of ten (10) clear days shall be followed at the approved quarantine station or farm/holding yard which has been gazetted by the Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia. The first day being counted after the last animal has been admitted. The animals are subjected to quarantine procedures and laboratory test if deemed necessary. The animal will be released on the 11th day if found to be clinically healthy. The animals from the quarantine station shall be transported in sealed lorries/trucks to the approved destination or farm under the veterinary supervision.

7. Fee

The following fees are payable for each consignment of cattle imported into Malaysia:

- (i) Import licence : RM5 per head
- (ii) Quarantine fee : RM4 per head
- (iii) Quarantine certificate : RM2 per head