

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE AND BUFFALO FOR THE PURPOSE OF SLAUGHTER FROM THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules 1962)

1. Approval to Import

- a. Application for importation of the animals into Malaysia shall be made in writing to the Director General of Department Veterinary Services (DVS) Malaysia (hereinafter referred to as the Director General) or to Director of State Veterinary Services (Director) and an import permit shall be obtained from the Director General or the Director, prior to importation of the animals.
- b. Notwithstanding the above approval to import, importation of animals shall be subject to the following regulations.

2. Veterinary Health Certificate

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate in English dated within 7 days of export, issued and signed by a competent veterinary officer of the veterinary authority of Cambodia, containing proper identification of the animals and the names and addresses of consignor and consignee.

The competent veterinary officer shall certify that:

- a. The country has been free from rift valley fever, lumpy skin disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
- b. The animals originate from areas south of Phnom Penh (Latitude 110 30') where no cases of foot and mouth disease (FMD) have occurred during 6 months prior to export.
- c. No outbreaks of rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, haemorrhagic septicaemia and anthrax have been reported in the area prior to export.
- d. The animals were derived from farms or holdings where no cases of brucellosis and tuberculosis were reported during the preceding 12 months prior to export.
- e. The animals have never been fed with any kind of processed animal proteins.
- f. The animals have been kept isolated from all animals not of similar health status for a period of not less than 14 days on an all-in, all-out basis, in a government approved pre-export quarantine facility located within the disease free area as in Clause 2.b Prior to entry of animals, the facility shall be properly disinfected and left vacant for 7 days.
- g. Prior to entry into the pre-export quarantine facility the animals have been vaccinated with trivalent FMD vaccine (O1, A22 and Asia 1).
- h. During the 14-day quarantine, no cases of epizootic diseases were reported at the facility and the animals have been regularly examined by the veterinary authority and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases.

3. Transportation and Landing Place

- a. The consignment shall be accompanied by a declaration from the exporter that the animals have been transported by sealed and disinfected lorries or trucks, directly from the quarantine facility to the port of embarkation in Cambodia.
- b. The consignment shall be accompanied by a declaration from the Master of the ship carrying the animals, that the ship had sailed directly to the designated port of disembarkation in Malaysia and that no animals other than the consignment as in Clause 2 were carried on board.

4. Post Arrival Quarantine in Malaysia

- a. Upon arrival in Malaysia the animals shall be subject to a quarantine of a minimum of 10 days at a designated DVS quarantine station.
- b. The animals shall be subject to revaccination against FMD during quarantine as deemed fit by DVS.
- c. Serum samples shall be collected randomly from 30% of the animals or a minimum of 300 animals for detection of adequate FMD antibody titer levels as determined by DVS.
- d. Upon clinical examination during quarantine and provided that there is no evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, the animals shall be released to be transported by sealed trucks directly to the approved abattoir for slaughter or to an approved holding yard or farm (Clause 5.c).

5. Slaughter of Animals

- a. The importer shall ensure that all animals are slaughtered.
- b. All animals shall be slaughtered in approved abattoirs as determined by DVS.
- c. Upon release from the post-arrival quarantine station, the animals that are not slaughtered immediately shall be held in a holding yard or farm of the importer approved by DVS.
- d. Release of animals from the post-arrival quarantine station or approved holding yard/farm (Clause 5.3) for slaughter shall be subject to movement regulations and slaughter procedures set by DVS.

6. Surrender of Official Documents in Malaysia

All official documents of import shall be surrendered to the inspecting officer of DVS for verification, upon arrival at the designated port of disembarkation in Malaysia.

7. Other Conditions

Officers of the DVS shall inspect the farm of origin of the animals and the quarantine facility in Cambodia as and when necessary, including for the supervision of the quarantine procedures.

8. Disease outbreaks and contravention of regulations

In the event of an outbreak of epizootic diseases anytime during pre and post arrival quarantine or during transportation or in case of importation in contravention to the above regulations including use of the animals for purposes other than slaughter, the Director General or Director shall at his discretion suspend the importation or reject the animals and return to country of origin or dispose the animals in any manner as he may deem fit or impose additional procedures as necessary.

9. Right to amend import regulations

The Director General shall amend the above regulations and the fees below or suspend importations at any time, as he may deem necessary.

10. Fees

Each consignment of the product imported into Malaysia shall be subjected to the following fees:

- i Import license : RM 5.00 per head
- ii Quarantine fee : RM 4.00 per head
- iii Quarantine certificate : RM 2.00 per head

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