

# **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE/BUFFALOES 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 officer of the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Thailand certifying that :

- 3.1 the animals were originated from foot and mouth disease free zone. That specified part of the country or area of origin has been free from rinderpest and foot and mouth disease for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.
- 3.2 the animals have been vaccinated with trivalent FMD Vaccine (01, A22 and Asia I) at the accredited farm/quarantine centre where they have been confined and observed for 21 days and identified before they are taken to an approved quarantine station in the South Thailand, where another vaccination against FMD (Trivalent vaccine) is required.
- 3.3 the animals had given a negative reaction to a tuberculin test carried out not more than one (1) month immediately prior to export.
- 3.4 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 are derived has 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, complement fixation test and direct faecal smear method not more than one (1) month prior to export and found to be negative to the test.
- 3.5 the animals came from a farm certified to be free from brucellosis and that all animals, with the exception of females certified by a veterinary surgeon to have been vaccinated with live strain 19 brucella abortus vaccine between the ages of 3 to 6 months and are below 18 months of age at the time of export, should be blood tested by the complement fixation test with negative results not more than one (1) month prior to export.
- 3.6 the animal came from a 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 that animals was tested by the microscopic agglutination test for leptospirosis not more than (1) month prior to export with titres less than 1/100;

Provided that should any animal come from a farm not so certified such animal's blood shall have 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 than four times the titre of the first test and that the second and the last test shall have been carried out immediately prior to export; Provided further, that if the animals are below 12 months of age and have been vaccinated against leptospira serotype hardjo, pomona, tarassovi (hyos), such animals need not to be blood tested.

3.7 the animals came from a 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.

3.8 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.

3.9 the animals showed no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis at the time of export and were kept and protected from insect vectors in a 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 disease during the thirty (30) days prior to export.

3.10 the animals came from a herd officially free from enzootic bovine leukosis and showed negative response to the serological tests for the disease during the thirty (30) days prior to export.

3.11 the animals had been deticked and treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic and dihydrostreptomycin at dosage of 25mg/kg liveweight within seven (7) days of export.

#### **4. Approval for Importation**

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

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

#### **5. Control in Thailand**

All animals destined for export to Malaysia shall be originated from the accredited quarantine centres/farms or holding yards, inspected and approved by the DVS Malaysia.

The criteria, animals management system, quarantine, vaccination and certification procedures shall be strictly complied with the rules and conditions as stipulated in the "Procedure for the Accreditation of Animal Quarantine Centres or Farms for export to Malaysia"

A quarantine report shall be issued by a competent veterinary officer of DLD supervising the quarantine centre/farm for every consignment of animals to be exported into Malaysia, prior to the shipment of the animals.

#### **6. Landing place in Malaysia**

The consignment of animals should proceed to Padang Besar, Bukit Kayu Hitam or Rantau Panjang Quarantine Stations where the animals are further quarantined and observed.

### **7. Transportation**

The consignment of animals shall be carried by ships, trains or lorries direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port/point of entry as directed by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.

### **8. Quarantine in Malaysia**

Upon arrival in Malaysia, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of not less than ten (10) clear days at the approved quarantine stations at Padang Besar, Bukit Kayu Hitam or Rantau Panjang. The first day being counted after the last animal has been admitted. All the animals shall be released on the 11th day if found to be clinically healthy and free from all infectious or contagious disease.

The animals from the quarantine station shall be moved in sealed wagons or sealed lorries to the approved destination/farm(s) where the animals are to be reared under the veterinary supervision.

### **9. Fee**

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

- (i) Import licence : RM 5 per head
- (ii) Quarantine fee : RM 4 per head
- (iii) Quarantine certificate : RM 2 per head

### **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 or Kelantan) supervising the quarantine station, the number of animals to be imported and date of import, and shall follow the schedule of importation issued by the State Director concerned. This is to avoid overcrowding of quarantine facilities.