

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FEEDER CATTLE 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 DLD Thailand certifying that:

3.1 the animals have been vaccinated with Trivalent FMD vaccine (O1, A22 and Asia1) at the approved quarantine centre/farm where they have been confined and observed for 21 days and identified.

3.2 the animals have been inspected individually by a competent veterinary officer of DLD and that the animals were free from clinical signs of FMD and other infectious or contagious diseases.

3.3 the animals were clinically healthy and free from any infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.

3.4 the specified part of the country from which the animals originated has been free from FMD and rinderpest for the past 12 months prior to export.

3.5 the animals came from a farm/area certified free of brucellosis.

3.6 during the five years immediately preceding export there was no case of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia has been diagnosed on the farm on which the animals were reared and that they had not been in contact with any animals known to be suffering from such disease.

3.7 the animals were not suffering or had not suffered from Johne's disease and that they had not been in contact with any animal known to be suffering from such diseases and the farm from which they are derived had been free from Johne's disease for the preceding five (5) years and that the animals were tested with complement fixation test or by skin allergy test with johnin or avian tuberculin test not more than one (1) month prior to export and found to be negative to the test.

3.8 the animals came from farm(s) certified free of tuberculosis.

3.9 (a) the animals have been deticked and treated free of all external parasites prior to export.

(b) the animals have been treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic and dihydrostreptomycin at dosage of 25 mg/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 can 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. Landing place in Malaysia.

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

6. 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.

7. Transportation

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

8. 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 station, the first day being counted after the last animal has been admitted; all the animals shall be released on the 11th. days 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 farms/holding yards where they are to be reared for feedlotting purposes under the veterinary supervision.

9. Fee

The following fees are payable for each consignment of feeder cattle 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 the 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 and/or importing agents shall inform the State Director of Veterinary Services (Perlis, Kedah or Kelantan) supervising the quarantine stations, 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.

12. Precautions to be taken in the selected farms/holding yards in Malaysia

12.1 The animals shall be kept in the farm/holding yard approved by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.

12.2 The animals shall be confined and observed in the farm/holding yard for a period of six (6) months and every precautions must be taken to ensure that no contact be made with other animals. Distribution of the animals will only be considered after this period.

12.3 Random samples from the pharyngeal region (Probang method) shall be collected for virus isolation.

12.4 The animals shall also be subjected to serological tests for other viral and bacterial diseases including:-

Brucellosis, Johne's diseases, leptospirosis and camphylobacteriosis. In the event of positive reactors or any isolation of virus and/or bacteria, the animal(s) shall be destroyed without compensation at the discretion of the Director General of Veterinary Services.

12.5 Strict disinfection procedures should be maintained for movement of vehicles and personnel into and out of the farms/holding yards. Only authorized vehicles and personal is allowed to enter the farms/holding yards.

12.6 Staffs working in the farms/holding yards should take precautions to prevent contamination and possible spread of disease infections to other animals.