(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

# REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Products : Pork and Pork Products
- **B.** Country of Export : United States of America
- C. Purpose : Human Consumption

## D. Regulations for Importation: -

#### 1. Import Permit

Each consignment of pork and pork products shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services, Malaysia (MAQIS) permitting the importation of pork and pork products into Malaysia.

# 2. Veterinary Health Certification

The consignment of pork meat or pork products shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent Veterinary Authority of the exporting country within 7 days of export certifying that;

- 2.1. The country or part of the country or state of origin of the pigs from which the products were derived, has been free from foot and mouth disease (FMD), african swine fever, classical swine fever (hog cholera) and swine vesicular disease for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.
- 2.2. The pigs slaughtered (from which the pork meat or pork products were derived) have been derived from farm certified to be free from swine vesicular disease and no case of infectious or contagious pig diseases have been diagnosed or occurred at the farm prior to shipment of the pigs for slaughter.
- 2.3. The pigs (from which the pork meat or pork products were derived) have been slaughtered and processed in an abattoir (the name, address and establishment number of the abattoir must be clearly stated in the certificate) which has been approved for export by the DVS, Malaysia and has been under continuous supervision of the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.
- 2.4. The pork meat or pork products were derived from pigs that have been subjected to antemortem and post-mortem inspection and were found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease at the time of slaughtering / processing.
- 2.5. The pork meat or pork products have been processed, packed and stored under sanitary condition and are safe, wholesome and fit for human consumption.

# 3. Transportation and Landing Place

- 3.1. The vehicle / container used for the transportation of frozen or chilled pork meat or pork products must be in hygienic conditions and refrigerated.
- 3.2. Each consignment of pork meat or pork products imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.

# 4. Inspection at the Point of Entry in Malaysia

- 4.1. All officials documents required under this importation shall be surrendered for verification to the Director General or the State Director of Veterinary Services Malaysia or to any authorised officer of DVS, Malaysia or MAQIS on arrival at designated port or airport in Malaysia.
- 4.2. Each consignment of pork meat or pork products imported into Malaysia shall be subjected to veterinary inspection by the authorised officer of the DVS, Malaysia or MAQIS. Random samples will then be collected for laboratory testing and DVS, Malaysia has the right to reject, destroy or further detain any consignment when deemed necessary.

# 5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia has the right to enquire for any document or detailed information from the parties concerned. In the event that applicants (importers or exporters) fail or unable to provide or to comply with any of the above requirement, the DVS has the right to reject or not to approve the application.
- 5.2. All cost incurred for inspection of the abattoir by the official(s) from the DVS, Malaysia prior to approval shall be borne by the parties concerned.

# 6. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or the State Director of Veterinary Services Malaysia may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the products either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

# 7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to amend the above regulations at any time as he may deem necessary.

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