

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules 1962)

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES  
FROM PORTUGAL INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Origin : Portugal
- C. Purpose : All Purpose
- D. Regulations for Importation :

**1. Import Permit**

The consignment animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such animals into the State(s) of Malaysia.

**2. Description of Animals**

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 containing details of horses ( breed, sex, colour, markings, passport number, name and address of premise of origin of each horse), issued within 7 days of export by Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country certifying that ;

- 3.1. The country has been free from African Horse Sickness, Venezuelan, Eastern and Western, St. Louis Equine Encephalomyelitis, Hendra Virus, Glanders, Equine Influenza and Equine Viral Arteritis for the past two (2) years immediately preceding the date of export.
- 3.2. The horses were kept in government approved quarantine station for twenty-one (21) days prior to shipment. The horses were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the place of shipment.
- 3.3. No case of strangles has been reported in establishment of origin and approved quarantine station during the last six (6) months prior to export.
- 3.4. No case of equine infectious anaemia have been reported to have occurred in the country during the period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of export and the horse were tested and found negative for equine infectious anaemia by the immunodiffusion test (Coggin's Test) within one (1) month prior to export.
- 3.5. No case of contagious equine metritis have been reported to have occurred in the country during the period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of export, and the horses were examined and tested by bacterial culture and found negative for contagious equine metritis, within one (1) month preceding export and were clinically healthy at the time of export.
- 3.6. The horses were tested for trypanosomes by IFAT or ELISA test within twenty-one (21) days prior to shipment.
- 3.7. The horses were vaccinated against equine encephalomyelitis using an officially approved vaccine not less than fifteen (15) days prior to shipment.

- 3.8. The horses were free from any infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.
- 3.9. The horses have been examined within forty eight (48) hours prior to export and found to be healthy and free from signs of contagious and infectious diseases and fit for travel.

#### **4. Transportation and Landing Place**

The consignment of horses shall be transported in clean, disinfected and sealed floats or carried by ship or aircraft direct to the approved port or airport of disembarkation in Malaysia.

#### **5. Quarantine in Malaysia**

The horse shall be kept in isolation from other animals in the government quarantine station or approved quarantine station or establishment for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days for further observation and/or disease investigation.

#### **6. Suspension of Import**

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation of horses from Portugal either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in Portugal or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

#### **7. Right to Amend Import Regulations**

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Veterinary Director shall amend the above regulations at any time as he may deem necessary.

**Department of Veterinary Services  
Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry  
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