

(Empowered under section 8 of the Animal Rules, 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF HORSES  
FROM JAPAN INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export : Japan
- C. Purpose : Recreation or Racing
- D. Regulation for importation:

**1. Import Licence**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by an 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 Animals**

The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a certificate containing 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 Government of country of export certifying that :-

- 3.1 the country has been free from African horse sickness, Venezuelan, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis for the past 2 years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccinations permitted in the country against these diseases;
- 3.2 the country been free from glanders for the past 12 months immediately preceding export; **OR** each animal was tested with mallein test with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export;
- 3.3 the country has been free from trypanosomes for the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of export;

**OR**

each horse was tested for trypanosomes by inoculation of whole blood into mice/rats and examined by Giemsa-stained blood smears every alternate day for a period of twenty- eight (28) days with negative results;

- 3.4 the country has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of export;

**OR**

the animal has never been mated and is gelded.

**OR**

the animal has been tested for the causal agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture;

- 3.5 the animal has been resident continuously for the past 3 months\* immediately preceding export in the country;
- 3.6 to the best of the veterinary surgeon's knowledge and belief that, during the 3 months immediately preceding export, the animal have not suffered from any of diseases listed below, have not been on any premises on which these diseases have occurred, nor had the animals otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with these diseases; equine infectious anemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, rabies, scabies, anthrax, glanders, dourine, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis or any other disease of equines notifiable in the country;
- 3.7 the country has been free from equine infectious anemia and/or equine viral arteritis for the preceding 12 months; OR the animals have been tested in a laboratory approved by the government veterinary authority for the following diseases: (i) equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export. (ii) equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation test with negative results at dilution of 1 in 4 within 15 days preceding export. \* Waived for re-import of Singapore/Malaysian horses.
- 3.8 The horse(s) destined for export to Malaysia were subjected to pre-export quarantine (PEQ) at a PEQ facility approved and under close supervision of the competent veterinary officer of the exporting country for at least 21 days, on an all-in-all out basis. The PEQ facility is located in the prefecture where equine influenza is not officially reported for the past 12 months. And the horse(s) were tested with a PCR test or ELISA antigen test for Influenza A done on TWO nasopharyngeal swabs taken 10-14 days apart during PEQ, with the second swab not more than 4 days prior to export, with negative results.
- 3.9 The horse(s) was vaccinated against Equine Influenza using inactivated vaccine, once as a booster to a certify primary course or twice at an interval of 4 to 6 weeks within 6 months but not less than 30 days prior to export
- 3.10 Each animal has been examined by the certifying veterinary surgeon within 48 hours immediately preceding export and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

#### **4. Declaration by Master/Captain of the Ship/Aircraft**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by the declaration from the master/captain of the ship or aircraft which the animals were carried stating that:

- 4.1 the animals had been embarked at a port or airport in the country of export and had not been landed at any intermediate port or airport during the flight/voyage to Malaysia.
- 4.2 no animal was carried in the ship or aircraft during the time that the animals to which the certifications refer were on board the ship or aircraft
- 4.3 no other fodder other than from the country where the animals were exported was carried in the ship or aircraft during the time that the animals were on board the ship or aircraft.
- 4.4 the interior of the aircraft carrying the horses has been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to the departure of the aircraft.

#### **5. Transportation**

The consignment of animals shall be carried by ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport as directed by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Director concerned.

## **6. Quarantine in Malaysia**

- 6.1 Upon arrival in Malaysia, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of 30 clear days at the government quarantine stations. The first day being counted after the last animal has been admitted; all the animals shall be released on the 31<sup>st</sup> day.
- 6.2 During the post-arrival quarantine in Malaysia, the horse(s) shall be subjected to the following measures :
  - (i) The horse(s) may be subjected to laboratory health tests as deemed required by the quarantine officer. The test results must be duly endorsed in the respective horse passport.
- 6.3 The period may be extended if and when deemed necessary dependent on the health condition of the horse(s) and laboratory tests.

## **7. Other Conditions**

- 7.1 All horses destined for export to Malaysia must not be pregnant. In the event of any such discovery on arrival in Malaysia, the mare and any in-contact material(s) shall be returned to the country of export/origin at the importer's/exporter's/agent's/owner's expense.
- 7.2 It should be the responsibility of the importer, agent or owner of the horse(s) to inform the Quarantine Officer of the Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia of the expected date and time of arrival of the horse(s) with a notice of at least three working days prior to the arrival of the consignment in Malaysia.
- 7.3 The importer, agent or owner shall be responsible for all duties, fees or charges associated with the transportation, clearance and quarantine of the horse(s) and any other cost or expenditure incurred in the process of importation of the horse(s).
- 7.4 If any horse dies or is destroyed while under the custody of the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Malaysia, the cost of destruction and any other charges associated shall be borne by the importer, agent or owner of the horse. The regulations and duties, fees or charges are subject to change or review without notice notwithstanding the issuance of import license.
- 7.5 The Director General of Veterinary Services (DGVS) Malaysia reserves the right to amend, change or review the conditions stipulated in these regulations from time to time, as and when deemed necessary without any prior notice.

## **8. Fee**

The following fees are payable for each consignment of animals imported into Malaysia :-

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| i. Import license           | : RM 10.00 per head      |
| ii. Quarantine fees         | : RM 10.00 per head/ day |
| iii. Quarantine certificate | : RM 2.00 per head       |

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