

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

**REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF HORSES
FROM USA AND CANADA INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export : USA and Canada
- C. Purpose : Racing, polo, recreation.
- D. Regulations for Importation :

1. Import Licence

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Director General or the State Director concerned permitting the importation of such animals into Malaysia.

2. Identification

The animals should have an identity certificate or passport by a registered veterinary surgeon in the country of origin and further endorsed by a Government Veterinary Authority describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification of the horses.

3. Description of Animal

The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals.

4. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent Veterinary Officer of Government Veterinary Authority of country of export certifying that:

- 4.1 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from African horse sickness, Western, Eastern, and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the past two (2) years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against African horse sickness.
- 4.2 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from glanders for the past twelve (12) months prior to date of export; **OR** the animals have been tested with mallein with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export.
- 4.3 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from trypanosomes for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export; **OR** the animals have been 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;
- 4.4 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export; **OR** the animals have never been mated and is gelded; **OR** the animals have been tested for the casual agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture with negative results.
- 4.5 the animals have been kept in an area or farm where no cases of diseases stated below occurred for the past twelve (12) months:
 - a) equine encephalomyelitis
 - b) vesicular stomatitis and
 - c) equine viral arteritis
- 4.6 the animals have been examined within forty-eight (48) hours of export and found to be healthy and free from clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease including glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine, horse-pox, sarcoptic mange, influenza, ringworm, strangles, infectious equine anaemia, equine encephalomyelitis, vesicular stomatis and equine viral arteritis.

- 4.7 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from equine infectious anemia **OR** the animals have been tested in the laboratory approved by the Government authority for the following diseases:
- a) equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export.
 - b) equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation test with negative results at dilution of 1 in 4 within 10 days preceding export.
- 4.8 the best of veterinary surgeon's knowledge and belief that, during the 3 months immediately preceding export, the animals have not suffered from any of the diseases listed below, have been in any premise farm on which these diseases have not occurred, nor had the horses 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, babesiosis (piroplasmosis), Getah virus infection or any other diseases of equines notifiable in the country.
- 4.9 the animals have not been vaccinated with any vaccine within one (1) month of the date of shipment.

5. Declaration by Master/Captain of the Ship/Aircraft

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

- 5.1 the animals have been embarked at port or airport in U.S.A. or Canada and had not landed at any intermediate port or airport during the flight/voyage to Malaysia. Stopovers of aircraft at Honolulu and Japan may be permitted or any other port as approved by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.
- 5.2 no other animals were carried in the aircraft or ship during the time that the horses to which the certifications refer were on board the aircraft or ship.
- 5.3 no fodder other than from the country of origin was carried in the aircraft or ship during the time that the animals were on board the aircraft or ship.
- 5.4 the interior of the aircraft has been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to the departure from the airport.

6. 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.

7. Quarantine in Malaysia

On arrival at the port or airport of disembarkation in Malaysia the animals shall be sprayed with an insecticide and taken directly to the Subang Quarantine Station or any other quarantine station approved by the Department of Veterinary Services and shall there be quarantined for a period of not less than 14 days.

8. Fee

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

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| (i) Import Licence | : RM 10.00 per head |
| (ii) Quarantine Fee | : RM 10.00 per head / day |
| (iii) Quarantine Certificate | : RM 2.00 per head |

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