

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE CAMELS FROM AUSTRALIA INTO PENINSULAR MALAYSIA

- I. Animal : Live Camel
- II. Purposes : Breeding Purposes / Zoo camels

1. Import Permit

The consignment of 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 Malaysia.

2. Veterinary Certification

- 2.1. The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture within 7 days of export.
- 2.2. The Veterinary Health Certificate shall contain a full description or identification of the animals.
- 2.3. The Veterinary Health certificate shall certify that ;
 - 2.3.1. Australia has been free from the following diseases : foot and mouth disease (FMD), pestes des petits ruminants, vesicular stomatitis, lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, rabies, bovine brucellosis, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine tuberculosis, surra and Cochlomyia hominivorax for the past twelve (12) months.
 - 2.3.2. Australia is recognized as having a negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk in accordance with the BSE chapter in the current OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (the OIE Code).
 - 2.3.3. The farm or premises of origin of the animals has been free from clinical signs of the following diseases during the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export : bluetongue, Aino, Akabane, enzootic haemorrhagic disease, Johne's disease, anthrax, West Nile disease and salmonellosis.
 - 2.3.4. The animals originated from an establishment or farm, where no case of Hendra virus has occurred during the last six (6) months prior to export.
 - 2.3.5. The animals for export have been kept in the Australian bluetongue virus free zone since birth or for at least sixty (60) days prior to export and were kept in isolation in a farm or premises for a period of two (2) weeks prior to export.
 - 2.3.6. The animals have been treated for internal and external parasites within 7 days of export.
 - 2.3.7. The animals have been examined within 48 hours before export and found free from clinical signs of diseases and visibly free from external parasites.

3. Transportation and Landing Place

- 3.1. Prior to loading the animals into the vessel or aircraft, the compartments or the cabins holding the animals shall be sprayed with registered insecticides.
- 3.2. From the port or airport of embarkation, the consignment of animals shall be carried by vessel or aircraft direct to the approved port or airport of disembarkation in Malaysia.

4. Quarantine in Malaysia

- 4.1. The animals shall be kept in isolation from other animals in the approved farm or establishment for a period of two (2) weeks for further observation and/or disease investigation.
- 4.2. Should any animal show symptoms or clinical signs of disease or infection during isolation, all animals in the consignment shall be subjected to laboratory tests or any other actions deemed fit at the expense of the importer.
- 4.3. Upon confirmation of any disease (infectious, contagious or zoonotic), appropriate action shall be taken by the Department including destroying all animals at the expense of the importer and without compensation.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The importer shall register with the Department for approval to import live camels into Malaysia.
- 5.2. The importer shall provide the Director General of Veterinary Services or State Director or the Officer of the Department at the port or airport of disembarkation the following information at least seventy two (72) hours before the arrival of the animals ;
 - 5.2.1. Number of animals in the consignment
 - 5.2.2. The expected date of arrival
 - 5.2.3. The port or airport of disembarkation in Malaysia
 - 5.2.4. The approved farm or establishment where the animals in the consignment will be kept for isolation.
- 5.3. Officers of the DVS shall inspect the farm/s of origin of the animals in Australia as and when deemed necessary.

6. Suspension of Import

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

7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services shall amend the above conditions at any time as he may deemed necessary.

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