

( Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962 )

## **Regulation For The Importation of Wildlife as Zoo Animals**

- A. Animal : Any wild Animal or Bird
- B. Country of Export : All Countries
- C. Purpose : Zoo Animals
- D. Regulation for Importation :

### **1. Import Licence**

The consignment of zoo animals or birds shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Director concerned permitting the importation of such animals or birds into the State(s) of Malaysia.

### **2. Description of Animal/Bird**

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

### **3. Veterinary Certification**

The consignment of animals or birds shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent veterinary officer of the Government of the exporting country certifying that :-

3.1 the animals or birds were found to be clinically healthy and free from signs of any infectious or contagious disease at the time of inspection prior to export.

3.2 the animals or birds have not been in contact with or exposed to any animal or bird suffering from any communicable disease within thirty (30) days preceding the date of inspection, prior to the of export.

3.3 the country or part of country or zone/area of origin has been free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, anthrax, fowl plague (pathogenic avian influenza), velogenic Newcastle disease, contagious bovine/caprine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever, African Horse Sickness and rabies for the past twelve (12) months prior to the date of export.

3.4 the animals or birds were originated from areas or premises where there has been no clinical evidence of animal or bird diseases as mentioned below in the preceding six (6) months of export :-

- i) Bovine : Malignant Catarrhal Fever, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Johne's Disease

- ii) Ovine/ Caprine : Caseous Lymphadenitis, Melioidosis and Brucellosis.
- iii) Equine : Equine Encephalomyelitis and Glanders.
- iv) Avian : Pullorum, Viral Enteritis & Hepatitis and Infectious Laryngotracheitis.
- v) Canine/ Feline : Distemper and Panleukopenia
- vi) Primate : Tuberculosis.
- vii) Multiple Species : Rabies, Leptospirosis and Melioidosis.

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

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

4.1 after embarkation of the animals/birds, the ship/aircraft did not call at any intermediate port/airport.

4.2 no domesticated animals/birds other than the approved consignments were permitted on board the ship/aircraft.

4.3 no fodder or bedding was taken on board the ship/aircraft other than the port or airport of embarkation of the animals/birds. The fodder or bedding must be fumigated before being taken on board and the fumigation must be approved and certified by the Quarantine Officer of the exporting country.

#### **5. Transportation**

The consignment of zoo animals or birds 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**

Upon arrival in Malaysia, the animals or birds shall be quarantine for a period of not less than 30 clear days at the approved quarantine station(s). The first day being counted after the last animal/bird has been admitted; all the animals birds may be released on the 31st day. The animals or birds released from the quarantine station(s) shall be moved in sealed lorries or sealed trucks to the approved destination or premises under the veterinary supervision.

#### **7. Fee**

The following fees are payable for each consignment of animals/birds imported into Malaysia :- Import licence :

- (i) Horses : RM 10 per head
- (ii) Cattle/buffaloes : RM 5 per head
- (iii) Goat/Sheep : RM 3 per head
- (iv) Dog/Cat : RM 5 per head
- (v) Birds : RM 0.10 cent per head

(vi) Other species : RM 3 per head

## **8. Other Conditions**

8.1 The consignment of zoo animals or birds shall also be accompanied by an export licence issued by the competent veterinary authority of the country of export allowing the export of such animals or birds.

8.2 A sign declaration by the importer;

(a) giving the history, origin and description of all the animals (species, age, sex, colour, identification mark etc.); the point of entry and expected date of arrival.

(b) that the animals or birds are brought to Malaysia only for the purpose of exhibition in the zoo in this country.

8.3 Shall any outbreak of a major epizootic disease occur on board the ship or aircraft, the animals or birds shall be returned to the country of origin or destroyed and disposed off appropriately.

8.4 If any of the animal or bird shows sign of any infectious or contagious disease, the animals / birds shall be treated or destroyed in whatever manner, the Director General of Veterinary Services or the State Director thinks fit and the importer/ owner shall not be entitled to any compensation for the loss sustained by such treatment or destruction.

8.5 The Director General or the State Director concerned shall be informed as soon as possible of the date and time of arrival of the such animals or birds.

8.6 In most cases, approval must first be obtained for the importation of endangered species (CITES) from the competent officer of the Wildlife Department Malaysia.

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