

**CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
GAME / PET BIRDS INTO MALAYSIA**

1. Animal : Any Species of Game / Pet Birds **2. Country of Export :** Any Country **3. Purpose of Import :** Any Purpose

1. Approval for Importation

All consignments of game / pet birds imported into Malaysia must be accompanied by the following documents :-

1) IMPORT LICENCE issued by the Veterinary Officer of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia giving permission for the importation of game / pet birds into Malaysia.

2) VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE issued by the official Veterinary Officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export. The certificate must conform with the standard format as appeared in **Appendix 1**.

[Note : i. the certificate must be in English

ii. all accompanying documents must be the original copy]

2. Veterinary Certification

The Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the official Veterinary Officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export must certify the followings :-

1) The birds were continuously resident in the country of origin since the last 2 months and originated from farm/premise under close supervision and regularly monitored by the Government Veterinary Authority for the last six (6) months preceding export;

2) During the last 30 days immediately preceding export, at least 10 % of the birds from the flock of origin were tested with a negative result, for the following diseases -

i). Newcastle disease by ELISA or H.I test or virus isolation

ii. Avian influenza by ELISA or AGPT or virus isolation

3) The birds were not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease, avian influenza and Marek's disease; -

4) There were no clinical or serological evidence of the following diseases detected on the farm/premise and flock of origin of the birds, or reported within

the area of 20 km radius surrounding the farm/premise of origin since the last six (6) months preceding export -

*** velogenic Newcastle disease, highly pathogenic avian influenza, fowl pox, fowl cholera, pullorum disease, infectious coryza, psittacosis and ornithosis ***

5) During the last 48 hours immediately preceding export, the birds destined for export to Malaysia were treated with an approved anthelmintic and antibiotic and showed no signs of infectious or contagious diseases;

6) The container or cage used to transport the birds for export to Malaysia has been disinfected in compliance with sanitary measures adopted by the Government Veterinary Authority. The container or cage is then sealed by the veterinary authority / quarantine officer at the airport or port of embarkation, immediately prior to departure.

[Note : The seal number must be clearly recorded on the accompanying veterinary health certificate]

3. Transportation

All consignments of game / pet birds destined for export to Malaysia must be transported by aircraft or vessel direct from the airport or port of embarkation in the country of export to the prescribed landing place (airport or port) of disembarkation in Malaysia.

4. Surrender of Official Documents

Upon arrival in Malaysia, all official documents accompanying the consignment of game / pet birds must first be surrendered to the authorized officer / quarantine officer of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia at the prescribed landing place (airport or port) in Malaysia.

5. Quarantine in Malaysia

1) All game / pet birds imported into Malaysia will be subjected to quarantine for a period of minimum 7 days in an approved facility or premise;

2) During the quarantine period, the birds will be inspected from time to time by the quarantine officer / officer from the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia and may be subjected to certain laboratory health tests as deemed required;

3) In the case if any of the bird showed signs of infectious or contagious diseases, the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to either destroy the whole birds in the consignment/flock or to further detained the birds under quarantine for another maximum 30 more days.

6. Re-export to Another Countries

1) All game / pet birds imported into Malaysia for the purposes of re-export to

another (third) countries must be kept in isolation (quarantine) in an approved facility or premise for a period of minimum 7 days before further dispatch;

2) During the isolation (quarantine) period, where applicable, at least 10 % of the birds in the consignment/flock will be tested with a negative result, for the following diseases -

i). Newcastle disease by ELISA or H.I test or virus isolation

ii. Avian influenza by ELISA or AGPT or virus isolation

3) During the last 48 hours of re-export, the birds will be inspected to certify freedom from signs of infectious or contagious diseases and will be treated with an approved anthelmintic and/or antibiotic.

7. Importer Responsibilities

i) All costs associated with importation, transportation, quarantine, inspection by the officer(s) of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia, laboratory health tests and re-export to another (third) countries must be borne by the importer/exporter or their agent(s);

ii) The importer/exporter or their agent(s) must inform the respective State Veterinary Office where the import consignment of game / pet birds is to be landed or at least the quarantine officer at the prescribed landing place (airport or port) of disembarkation of the arrival of the respective consignment. The notice on flight details must be provided at least 48 hours before the arrival of the consignment in Malaysia;

iii) For the purpose of re-export to another (third) countries, the importer/exporter or their agent(s) must consult the respective State Veterinary Office for the arrangement for inspection, collection of samples for laboratory health tests, anthelmintic or antibiotic treatments and for the issuance of health certificate. The notice on flight details must be provided at least 48 hours before the departure of the consignment of game / pet birds for re-export to another (third) countries.

8. Other Conditions

1) In most cases approval must first be obtained from the Wildlife Department, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment Malaysia for the importation of endangered species of game / pet birds into Malaysia. The same approval shall be applied for transshipment or for re-export to another (third) countries. CITES Certificate must be presented to the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia for the application of import or export licence

2) The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to review any condition stipulated herein or to impose additional rules or regulations pertaining to the importation of game / pet birds into Malaysia,

transshipment and re-export to another (third) countries, for whatever reasons as and when deemed necessary.

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