

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF POULTRY CARCASSES,
PRODUCTS OR PARTS THEREOF INTO MALAYSIA**

A. Product : Frozen, chilled carcasses or parts and value added or heat treated poultry products

B. Country of Export : Any country

C. Purpose : Human consumption

D. Regulations for Importation:

1. Import Permit

Each consignment of poultry carcasses, products or parts thereof shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) permitting the importation into Malaysia.

2. Veterinary Certification

Each consignment of poultry carcasses, products or parts thereof shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate in English dated within seven (7) days issued by Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country certifying that ;

- 2.1. The country or part of country or state of origin has been continuously free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.
- 2.2. The poultry were derived from a registered farm which is accredited to be free from *Salmonella pullorum*, *Salmonella gallinarum* and *Salmonella enteritidis*; and in the case of duck or goose also free from duck viral enteritis and duck viral hepatitis in the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 2.3. The poultry carcasses, products or parts were derived from poultry that had been subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and were found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious diseases at the time of slaughter.
- 2.4. The poultry were slaughtered and processed in an approved slaughtering and processing plant (the name, address and establishment number of the slaughtering and processing plant as well as slaughter date and date of production must be clearly stated in the certificate) which has been inspected and approved for export by the DVS, Malaysia and has been under continuous supervision of the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.
- 2.5. The poultry meat has met microbiological standards of Malaysia and free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues.
- 2.6. The carcasses, products and parts thereof have been tested at random in an accredited laboratory and found to be free from residues of nitrofurans.
- 2.7. The packed poultry carcasses or parts were stored under sanitary conditions at chilled temperature of 0°C - 4°C or frozen at the temperature of at least -18°C at the approved slaughtering and processing plant.
- 2.8. Every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives/colouring matters or other foreign substances injurious to health and that the products is fit for human consumption.

3. Halal Certification

- 3.1. The consignment of poultry carcasses, products or parts thereof shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued or endorsed and signed by the authorized personnel of the registered Islamic Organisation in the exporting country that has been approved by Malaysian Authority certifying that the slaughtering process has been done according to Muslim rites and that all slaughtering, chilling, freezing, storing, transportation and all other acts in connection with handling and consignment have been done separately from the other species of animals.
- 3.2. The certificate contains details of the following ;
 - a. Name and address of the slaughtering and processing establishment
 - b. Name and address of consignor or exporter
 - c. Description of products ;
 - Number of carcasses/products
 - Date of slaughter
 - Date of dispatch
 - Quantity of item

4. Transportation and Landing Place

- 4.1. The refrigerated vehicle/container used for the transportation of poultry carcasses or parts must be in hygienic conditions and at temperature of 0°C to 4°C for chilled or at -18°C for frozen.
- 4.2. The refrigerated vehicle/container used for transportation is solely for halal products and should only carry the said product.
- 4.3. Each consignment of poultry carcasses or parts imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. All applications for importation of poultry carcasses, products or parts thereof into Malaysia shall be made by writing officially direct to the Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia. Application must be through the local agent or a Malaysian based/registered company.
- 5.2. The Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Malaysia has the right to enquire for any documents or detail information's from the parties concerned. In the event that the applicants (importer or exporter) fail or unable to provide or to comply with any of the above requirements, the DVS has the right to reject or not to approve the application.
- 5.3. The slaughtering or processing plant intended for export into Malaysia shall be subjected to inspection prior to approval. The inspection will be carried out by officials from the Department of Veterinary Services and the Islamic Affairs Department Malaysia and all costs incurred shall be borne by the parties concerned.
- 5.4. The approved/registered slaughtering or processing plants will be subjected to re-inspection (review) by the respective authorities for every 2 years as and when deemed required. The Malaysian authorities have the right to either retain or withdraw the approval status from the registration.
- 5.5. Each consignment of poultry carcasses, products or parts thereof imported into Malaysia shall be subjected to veterinary inspection by the authorized officer of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia at the port of disembarkation/ point of entry on arrival in Malaysia. Random samples will then be collected for laboratory testing and DVS has the right to reject, destroy or further detain any consignment when deemed necessary.

6. Suspension of Import

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

7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to amend the above regulations at any time as he may deem necessary.

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