



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE AND BUFFALO INTO MALAYSIA

- I. **Type of animal** : **Cattle and Buffalo**
- II. **Purpose** : **Slaughter**
- III. **Country of export** : **Australia**
- IV. **Requirements for Importation** :

1. Import Permit

The consignment 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 the State(s) of Malaysia.

2. Description of Animal

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

3. Identification of Animal

The animals shall be tagged with an ear tag for identification and traceability.

4. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate issued by a competent Veterinary Authority of Australia within 7 days of export, certifying that;

- 4.1. Australia is free from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine brucellosis, foot and mouth disease (without vaccination), haemorrhagic septicaemia, rift valley fever, lumpy skin disease, vesicular stomatitis and bovine tuberculosis for the past twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 4.2. Australia is recognized as having a negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk, in accordance with the BSE chapter in the current OIE code.
- 4.3. There have been no reported cases of Enzootic Bovine Leucosis (EBL) in the establishment or farm of origin in the past twelve (12) months prior to export. Enzootic Bovine Leucosis (EBL) is a nationally notifiable disease in Australia.
- 4.4. There have been no reported cases of Anthrax in the establishment or farm of origin in the past twelve (12) months prior to export. Anthrax is a nationally notifiable disease in Australia.
- 4.5. The animals originated from an establishment or farm which there has been no reported cases of Johne's disease for the preceding 12 months.
- 4.6. 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.

- 4.7. The animals have never been fed with any kind of processed animal proteins.
- 4.8. The animals were also treated with an approved acaricide and a broad-spectrum anthelmintic according to the manufacturer's instructions within seven (7) days prior to export and found to be free of ticks at the time of export.
- 4.9. The animals have been examined and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases and fit to travel at the time of export.

5. Transportation and Landing Place

- 5.1. The consignment of animals shall be carried by ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.
- 5.2. Only ruminant species and other animal species (camel, alpaca, Llama) that meet Malaysia import requirements shall be carried on the ship/aircraft during transportation from Australia. The animals must be loaded in a separate compartment as to avoid transmission of any disease which might occur during transportation.
- 5.3. No fodder or animal feeds should be taken on board the ship or aircraft at any intermediate port or airport, except the one that originated from Australia.

6. Other Conditions

Officers of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) shall inspect the farm/s of origin of the animals in Australia as and when necessary.

7. Slaughter of Animal

- 8.1. All animals meant for slaughter shall be slaughtered in approved abattoirs as determined by DVS.
- 8.2. Animals that are not slaughtered immediately shall be held in an approved holding yard/farm.
- 8.3. Release of animals from the approved holding yard/farm for slaughter or sale shall be subject to movement regulations and slaughter procedures provide by DVS.
- 8.4. The importer shall maintain proper records of slaughter or sale of animals at the holding yard or farm, for inspection by DVS.

8. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem 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.

9. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia shall amend the above regulations as he may deem necessary.

**Department of Veterinary Services
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry Malaysia
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