

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export : Argentina
- C. Purpose : Permanent import
- D. Requirements for importation:

1. Import Permit

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS).

2. Description of Animals

The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by an identification certificate or horse passport containing a full description or identification of the animals and details of the medication and vaccination record.

3. Veterinary Health Certificate

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of exporting country certifying that;

- 3.1. The country has been free from African horse sickness and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the past 2 years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against these diseases;
- 3.2. The country been free from Glanders for the past 12 months immediately preceding export; OR each animal has tested with mallein test with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export;
- 3.3. The country has been free from Trypanosomes for the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of export; OR each animal was tested for trypanosomes by IFAT or ELISA test within twenty-one (21) days prior to shipment;
- 3.4. The country has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of export; OR the animal has never been mated and is gelded. OR the animal has been tested for the causal agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture;
- 3.5. The country has been free from Equine Influenza Virus for the last 12 months OR the horse was tested using PCR or RT-PCR test with negative results within 30 days prior to export;
- 3.6. The country has been free from equine infectious anemia and/or equine viral arteritis for the preceding 12 months; OR the animals have been tested in a laboratory approved by the government veterinary authority for the following diseases;
 - 3.6.1. Equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export.

- 3.6.2. Equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation test with negative results at dilution of 1 in 4 within 15 days preceding export. Waived for re-import of Singapore / Malaysian horses.
- 3.7. The animal has been resident continuously for the past 6 months immediately preceding export in the country;
- 3.8. The horse(s) were originated from an establishment or farm where no case of the following diseases has occurred during the last twelve (12) months prior to export; Vesicular stomatitis, Equine infectious anemia, Rabies, Scabies, Anthrax, Dourine, Strangles, Epizootic lymphangitis, Ulcerative lymphangitis, Equine rhinopneumonitis, Leptospirosis, Surra, Hendra, Nipah, Equine viral arteritis or any other disease of equines notifiable in the country;
- 3.9. The horse (s) showed no clinical sign of Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis on the day of shipment and during the 3 months prior to shipment in an area or establishment where no case of equine encephalomyelitis was reported during that period; and were vaccinated not less than 15 days and not more than one year prior to shipment. The horse (s) have been tested in a laboratory approved by the government veterinary authority for equine encephalomyelitis by Viral Neutralization Test (VNT) paired serum sample conducted 10-14 days apart prior to export.
- 3.10. The animal was kept in a quarantine station for the 30 days prior to shipment under the strict monitoring of the government veterinary authority and were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the place of shipment.
- 3.11. The animal has been vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine for Equine Influenza according to the manufacturer's recommendation between 21 to 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster;
- 3.12. Each animal has been examined within 48 hours immediately preceding export and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease;

(All laboratory results and physical examination reports must accompany the animals being exported)

4. Transportation and Landing Place

- 4.1. The consignment of horses shall be transported in clean, disinfected and sealed floats or carried by ship or aircraft direct to the entry point or prescribed landing place or any other port or airport as in Malaysia;
- 4.2. No other horses not of the same health status or any other animals of different species were carried on the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which such declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft;
- 4.3. No fodder from any other country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time to which such declaration refers was on board the ship/aircraft. Hay or straw was not used as bedding during transport by air (treated wood shavings, sterilized peat or soft board may be used, instead);

5. Quarantine in Malaysia

- 5.1. The horse(s) shall undergo quarantine for a period of not less than 30 days in the Government Quarantine Station upon arrival in Malaysia.
- 5.2. During the quarantine period, the horse(s) will undergo strict physical examination by the Malaysian veterinary authority and shall be subjected to testing and treatment before release from quarantine.

- 5.3. During quarantine, fogging should be conducted weekly or at least once a week in the stables, away from the horse (s).
- 5.4. The horse(s) must remain within mosquito-proof stables throughout the 30 days quarantine period after arrival in Malaysia.

6. Suspension of Import

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

7. Right to Amend Import Requirements

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia shall amend the above requirements at any time as he may deem necessary.

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