

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM MACAU INTO MALAYSIA**

- 1.0    Type of Animal(s)                               : Horses
- 2.0    Country of Export                                : Macau
- 3.0    Purpose   : Recreation or Racing
- 4.0    Requirements for importation:

### **4.1    Import Permit**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) concerned permitting the importation of such animals into Malaysia.

### **4.2    Description of Animals**

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

### **4.3    Veterinary Health Certificate**

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

- 4.3.1    the country has been free from African horse sickness, Venezuelan, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis for the past 2 years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against these diseases;
- 4.3.2    the country been free from glanders for the past 12 month immediately preceding export; OR each animal was tested with Mallein test with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export;
- 4.3.3    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 inoculation of whole blood into mice/rats and examined by Giemsa-stained blood smears every alternate day for a period of twenty-eight (28) days with negative results;
- 4.3.4    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;
- 4.3.5    the animal has been resident continuously for the past 3 months\* immediately preceding export in the country;
- 4.3.6    to the best of the veterinary surgeon's knowledge and belief that, during the 3 months immediately preceding export, the animal have not suffered from any of the diseases listed below, have not been on any premises on which these diseases have occurred, nor had the horses otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with diseases; equine infectious anemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, rabies, scabies, anthrax, glanders, dourine, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis or any other disease of equines notifiable in the country;
- 4.3.7    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 the government veterinary authority for the following diseases:

- (i) equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export.
- (ii) 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.

4.3.8 the animals had not been vaccinated with any vaccine within 30 days preceding export; Each animal has been examined by the certifying veterinary surgeon within 48 hours immediately preceding export and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.

#### **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 14 clear days in the Quarantine Station upon arrival in Malaysia.
- 5.2. During the post-arrival quarantine, the horse(s) shall be subjected to testing and treatments before being released from quarantine.

#### **6. Suspension of Import**

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

#### **7. Right to Amend Import Requirements**

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

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