

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM USA INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export : USA
- C. Purpose : Racing, polo, recreation.
- D. Regulations 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 horse(s) shall be accompanied by an identification certificate or horse passport containing a full description and identification of the animal.

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

3. Veterinary Certification

The horse(s) shall be accompanied by a valid veterinary health certificate containing details of horses (breed, sex, colour, markings, passport number, name and address of premise of origin of each horse) issued by Competent Veterinary Authority within seven (7) days of export certifying that ;

- 4.1 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from African horse sickness, Western, Eastern, and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the past two (2) years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against African horse sickness.
- 4.2 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from glanders for the past twelve (12) months prior to date of export; **OR** the animals have been tested with mallein with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export.
- 4.3 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from trypanosomes for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export; **OR** the animals have been 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;
- 4.4 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export; **OR** the animals have never been mated and is gelded; **OR** the animals have been tested for the casual agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture with negative results.
- 4.5 the animals have been kept in an area or farm where no cases of diseases stated below occurred for the past twelve (12) months:
 - a) equine encephalomyelitis
 - b) vesicular stomatitis and
 - c) equine viral arteritis

- 4.6 the animals have been examined within forty-eight (48) hours of export and found to be healthy and free from clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease including glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine, horse-pox, sarcoptic mange, influenza, ringworm, strangles, infectious equine anaemia, equine encephalomyelitis, vesicular stomatitis and equine viral arteritis.
- 4.7 the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from equine infectious anemia **OR** the animals have been tested in the laboratory approved by the Government authority for the following diseases:
- a) equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export.
 - b) equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation test with negative results at dilution of 1 in 4 within 10 days preceding export.
- 4.8 during the 3 months immediately preceding export, the animals have not suffered from any of the diseases listed below, have been in any premise farm on which these diseases have not occurred, nor had the horses otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with these diseases:
equine infectious anemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, rabies, scabies, anthrax, glanders, dourine, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, babesiosis (piroplasmosis), Getah virus infection or any other diseases of equines notifiable in the country.
- 4.9 the animals have not been vaccinated with any vaccine within one (1) month of the date of shipment.

5.0 Transportation and Landing Place

- 5.1 The shipment shall be direct from the port/airport of embarkation in USA to the approved port/airport of disembarkation in Malaysia.
- 5.2 The interior of the ship/aircraft shall be sprayed with an approved insecticide prior to departure from USA and on landing in Malaysia.
- 5.3 The ship/aircraft door(s) shall remain closed except as necessary for the servicing of the ship/aircraft. In any case, when animal compartment(s) were opened it must be sprayed with an approved insecticide as frequently as required to ensure that insects are not present in the animal compartment(s).
- 5.4 Only horses of the same health status and other animal species that meet Malaysia's import requirements shall be carried on the ship/aircraft during transport from USA.
- 5.5 No fodder from any other country was carried in the ship or aircraft during the time where the horse were on board the ship or aircraft. Hay or straw shall not be used as bedding during transport by air (treated wood shavings, sterilized peat or soft board may be used, instead).

7. Quarantine in Malaysia

The horse(s) shall undergo quarantine for a period of not less than fourteen (14) clear days in the approved quarantine station upon arrival in Malaysia.

8. Suspension of Import

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

9. Right to Amend Import Regulations

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

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