# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SLAUGHTER GOATS/SHEEP FROM THAILAND INTO MALAYSIA

1.0 Type of Animal : Goat and Sheep

2.0 Country of Export : Thailand
3.0 Purpose : Slaughter

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) permitting the importation of such animals into Malaysia.

#### 4.2 Animal identification

Each individual animal shall be identified using an ear tag for identification and traceability prior to export.

## 4.3 Veterinary Health Certificate

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate written in English issued by a competent veterinary authority of Thailand within 7 days of export, giving detailed description of the consignment (age, breed, sex, number of head, animal ID) certifying that:

- 4.3.1 The animals were derived from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free province for the past 3 months prior to and till the date of export and that the animals were born or kept in these provinces for at least 3 months. FMD has not occurred within 10 km radius of the establishment of origin for at least 3 months prior to movement.
- 4.3.2 The specified part OR region of the country from which the animals were originated has been free from rinderpest, Casesous Lymphadenitis, Meliodosis and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPRV) for the past twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 4.3.3 The animals shall be serologically tested and found to be negative against the following disease:
  - i. Brucellosis (*Brucella melintesis*) by the Complement Fixation Test (CFT) within one (1) month prior to export.
  - ii. Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPRV) by Competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay within thirty (30) days prior to export.

The laboratory tests result written in English shall be accompanied with veterinary health certificate issued by the competent veterinary authority of Thailand to Malaysia.

4.3.4 The animals are free from any infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.

## 5.0 Pre-export quarantine

5.1 The animals for export shall be quarantined for twenty-one (21) days prior to export at animal quarantine station OR accredited quarantine station inspected and approved by Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Thailand.

During the twenty-one (21) days period, the animals shall be:

- Observed for clinical signs of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Peste des Petits (PPRV) and any other infectious diseases.
- ii. The animal shall be vaccinated against FMD. The minimum vaccination gap between P1 and P2 is 28 days or according to manufacturer's recommendation. The vaccine shall contain serotype O, A and Asia 1.
- iii. The animals shall subject to treatment with an approved acaricide and a broad spectrum anthelmintic according to the manufacturer's instructions within 7 days prior to export and found to be free of ticks at the time of export.
- iv. The animal shall be tested negative for beta agonist five (5) days prior to export.
- 5.2 All animals shall be released on the day 22<sup>nd</sup> of quarantine if found to be clinically healthy and free from any infectious or contagious disease. Animals that show clinical sign during quarantine shall not be allowed to export.
- 5.3 A quarantine report shall be issued prior to export by a competent veterinary authority of Thailand, supervising the animal quarantine station OR accredited quarantine station, for every consignment of animals to be exported to Malaysia.

## 6.0 Transportation and landing place

The consignment of animals shall be carried by appropriate vehicles direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia. Upon arrival and inspection at the point of entry, the consignment of animals shall then proceed to MAQIS approved guarantine station for guarantine.

### 7.0 Other condition

- 7.1 Officers of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) and MAQIS shall inspect the animal quarantine station and accredited quarantine station in Thailand as and when necessary.
- 7.2 At the entry point, MAQIS has the right to refuse entry of any animal or consignment that shows clinical sign of infectious or contagious diseases.

## 8.0 Quarantine in Malaysia

- 8.1 The animals shall be quarantined for a period of not less than fourteen (14) clear days at the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Departments (MAQIS) approved quarantine station.
- 8.2 All animals shall be released on the day 15<sup>th</sup> of quarantine if found to be clinically healthy and free from any infectious or contagious disease.

8.3 The animals from the approved quarantine station shall be moved in sealed vehicles to the approved slaughterhouse where the animals are to be slaughtered OR transfer to approved holding yard prior to slaughter.

## 9.0 Booking of quarantine

Importers or importing agents shall book the MAQIS quarantine station by providing the quantity of animals to be imported and the tentative date of import prior importing the animals. Importers shall make commitment to import the animals only once the quarantine is booked.

## 10.0 Suspension of Import

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

## 11.0 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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