

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE INTO MALAYSIA

1.0 Type of animal : Cattle

2.0 Purpose : Breeding

3.0 Country of export: United State of America (USA)

4.0 Requirements for importation:

4.1 Import Permit

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

4.2 Description of Animal

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

4.3 Identification of Animal

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

4.4 Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by an official Veterinary Health Certificate in English dated within fourteen (14) days of export issued by competent Authority of the USA certifying that;

4.4.1 The country has been free from foot and mouth disease, rift valley fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and haemorrhagic septicaemia for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.

4.4.2 USA has been classified by the WOAHA as a country with negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

4.4.3 The animals were kept for the 20 days prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of anthrax was officially declared during that period.

4.4.4 With regard the bovine genital campylobacteriosis, the animals

- Are virgin heifers; bred by artificial insemination (AI); or

- The animals were kept in a herd in which no case of bovine genital campylobacteriosis has been declared; and/
- For animals which have been mated by natural cover, the culture of vaginal mucus for the presence of the causal agent of bovine genital campylobacteriosis proved negative.

4.4.5 The animals originate from a herd free from infection with M. tuberculosis complex and have been tested using tuberculin test for infection with M. tuberculosis complex with negative results within 60 days prior to shipment.

4.4.6 With regards the blue tongue disease, the animals were protected from attacks from Culicoides (with insecticide) during quarantine and transportation. Animals were test negative with antibody tests or agent identificaion. Animals that test positive with antibody test, may be removed from the shipment or further test negative with an agent identification test.

4.4.7 The animals were subjected to a diagnostic test for bovine anaplasmosis with negative results during 30 days prior to shipment and were treated with an acaricide and, if necessary, a repellent against biting insects prior to shipment and were completely free of ticks.

4.4.8 The animals originate from a herd free from infection with Brucella and all sexually mature animals were tested for infection with Brucella with negative results within 30 days prior to shipment;

4.4.9 The animals were kept in a herd in which no case of trichomonosis has been reported; and for females which have been mated with natural cover, direct microscopic examination and culture of vaginal mucus or other testing method is negative.

4.4.10 The animals were derived from farm/premises where no case of bovine viral diarrhoea were reported during the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export.

4.4.11 The animals shall be vaccinated against the following disease not more than one (1) month prior to export:

- Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis
- Bovine Viral Diarrhoea

4.4.12 The animal came from a herd with no clinical cases of leptospirosis and either;

- that blood from the animals was tested negative by the microscopic agglutination test for leptospira (serotypes hardjo, pomona, tarassovi (hyos)) not more than (1) month prior to export with titres less than 1/100.

Or

- The animal have been vaccinated for leptospirosis not more than one (1) month prior to export. (the animal(s) is/are waived from blood test.

Or

- The animals have been treated with intramuscular injection of long acting oxytetracycline (or as directed) at a dose rate of 20mg/kg body weight (or as directed) within thirty (30) days prior to export.

4.4.13 The animals have been treated for all external and internal parasites prior to export. The medication and date are listed.

4.4.14 The animals showed no clinical signs of above diseases and any other infectious or non-infectious diseases on the day of shipment.

5.0 Transportation and Landing Place

5.1 The animals shall be transported by disinfected and sealed lorries or trucks directly to the port or airport of embarkation in USA for loading into ship or aircraft.

5.2 The consignment of animals shall be carried by ship or aircraft to the prescribed landing place (port or airport) in Malaysia.

5.3 Only ruminant species that meet Malaysia's import requirement shall be carried on the ship or aircraft during transportation from USA.

5.4 No other animals are permitted on board the ship or aircraft during call or landing at any intermediate port or airport prior to arrival in Malaysia port/airport.

5.5 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 USA.

5.6 The fodder for bedding shall be fumigated before on board the ship or aircraft.

6.0 Quarantine in Malaysia

6.1 Animals shall be quarantine for not less than fourteen (14) clear days at Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Departments (MAQIS), Malaysia-approved quarantine station and shall subjected to:

6.1.1 FMD and LSD vaccination

6.1.2 RBPT test

6.2 All animals shall be released on the fifteenth (15th) day of quarantine if found to be clinically healthy and free from any infectious and contagious disease. The quarantine period may be extended of deemed necessary.

7.0 Disease outbreak and contravention of regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia may at any time when deemed necessary refuse entry of imported animals in the event of disease outbreak during arrival or post arrival quarantine and in the case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

8.0 Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia may at any time suspend importations from USA either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in USA.

9.0 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 Security Malaysia.

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