

( Empowered under section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962 )

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE FROM NEW ZEALAND INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Cattle
- B. Country of export : New Zealand
- C. Purpose : Breeding
- D. Regulations for importation :

### **1.0 Import license**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import license issued by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia or the State Director concerned permitting the importation of such animals into the State(s) of Malaysia.

### **2.0 Description of Animal**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals stating the locality, name & address of farm(s) in which the animals had been reared and kept. The certificate shall be signed by the person who reared or kept the animals or the manager or owner of the farm(s) and shall contain a declaration in writing that to the best of his knowledge the animals had never suffered from any infectious or contagious disease or been in contact with any animal so infected.

### **3.0 Veterinary Certification**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated within 7 days of export issued and signed by a competent Veterinary Officer of MAFF (New Zealand) certifying that :

- 3.1 New Zealand is free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine brucellosis (*brucella abortus* & *Brucella melitensis*), vesicular stomatitis, lumpy skin disease, bluetongue, rabies, rift valley fever, haemorrhagic septicaemia, melioidosis, bovine babesiosis, bovine anaplasmosis, ruminant piroplasmosis, trypanosomiasis and aujeszky's disease.
- 3.2 the animals were clinically healthy and free from any sign of infectious or contagious diseases at the time of export.
- 3.3 the animals came from a state or area in which animal diseases were under control.
- 3.4 the animals came from a farm certified by the Government Veterinary Officer to be free from bovine tuberculosis. The animals had given a negative reaction to an intradermal tuberculin test carried out within 30 days prior to export by the Quarantine Officer or competent Veterinary Surgeon;
- 3.5 to the best of his knowledge and belief that the animals were not suffering or had not suffered from Johne's disease and that they had not been in contact with any animal known to be suffering from such disease and that the farm from which they are derived had been free from Johne's disease for the preceding three (3) years; And that the animals were tested by the johnin test, complement fixation test or enzyme-linked immunosorbent ( ELISA) test within 30 days prior to export by the Quarantine Officer or competent Veterinary Surgeon and found to be negative and free from Johne's disease.

- 3.6 the animal for export came from a farm certified by the Government Veterinary Authority to be free from genital campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis in the 12 months prior to the scheduled date of shipment
- 3.7 the cattle for export were certified by the Government Veterinary Authority as being free from enzootic bovine leucosis (EBL) virus infection.
- 3.8 the animals were vaccinated twice with an interval of 4-6 weeks, using a registered *leptospira* vaccine during calves. Vaccination was repeated within 30 days of the scheduled date of shipment
- 3.9 the animals were treated for leptospirosis with a single injection of long-acting oxytetracycline (20mg/kg) within 7 days of the scheduled date of export
- 3.10 the animals were treated with an approved tickcide, registered ectoparasiticide and registered anthelmintic within 7 days of the scheduled date of export.

#### **4.0 Transportation**

The animals shall be transported by ship/aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place (port or airport) in Malaysia as directed by the Director General or the State Director of Veterinary Services, Malaysia. Upon arrival in Malaysia, all the animals shall be transported in sealed lorries or trucks direct to the approved farm(s) under the veterinary supervision.

#### **5.0 Other Conditions**

Officers of the DVS shall inspect the farm/s of origin of the animals in New Zealand as and when necessary.

#### **6.0 Disease Outbreaks and Contravention of Import Regulations**

In the event of an outbreak of epizootic diseases anytime during transportation or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations, the Director General or State Director shall at his discretion revoke the import approval and reject the consignment in any manner as he may deem fit or impose additional measures as necessary.

#### **7.0 Fees**

Each consignment of the cattle imported into Malaysia shall be subjected to the following fees:

- i. Import license : RM 5.00 per head
- ii. Import Examination Fee : RM 1.00 per head

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