

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SHEEP AND GOAT FROM MYANMAR INTO MALAYSIA FOR SLAUGHTERING PURPOSE

- I. Country of Export : Myanmar
- II. Purpose : Slaughter

1.0 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.

2.0 Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate written in English issued within 7 days of export by a competent Veterinary Officer of the Livestock Breeding & Veterinary Department (LBVD) Myanmar giving detailed description of the consignment (age, breed, sex, number of head, animal ID) address of the premises of origin of the animals certifying to the effect that:

- 2.1 Myanmar or the part of country or province where animal were derived are free from Maedi Visna, Sheep pox and goat pox , Peste de petits and Ovine epididymitis (B.Ovis) for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export. Scrapie and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy have never been reported in Myanmar.
- 2.2 The animal originated and kept or born in Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free province for the past 6 months prior to and till the date of export. No case of FMD has occurred within 10 km radius of the establishment of origin for at least 3 months prior to movement.
- 2.3 The animals have been kept and observed at LBVD, Myanmar and DVS, Malaysia approved quarantine station for 10 days prior to export. All animals were examined and found to be healthy and clinically free from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and vaccinated with trivalent (O, A, Asia 1) vaccine against FMD approved by DVS, Malaysia on the first day the animal arrived at the approved quarantine station.
- 2.4 The animals have been tested and found to be serologically negative for NSP ELISA test against FMD. All testing must be done in government laboratory or accredited laboratory.
- 2.5 The animals have been free from Tuberculosis and were derived from farm which certified to free from Tuberculosis.
- 2.6 The animal were derived from farm which certified to be free from Brucella Ovis and Brucella melitensis and all animals have been vaccinated with RB51 prior to export except for pregnant animal.
- 2.7 The animals were not suffering or had not suffered and were derived from herd and farm which regularly monitored by and have been clinically free from Johne's disease for 5 years till the date of export.
- 2.8 The animal were derived from zone or farm where free from Trichomonosis and *Camphylobacter fetus* subspecies fetus, *Camphylobacter jejuni*, Enzootic Abortion of Ewes and Meliodosis. and for the last 6 months prior to export.
- 2.9 The animal were derived from a farm certified by , LBVD, Myanmar to be free from Leptospirosis caused by *leptospira* of the serotypes interrogans

grippotyphosa and pomona . No case reported at the farm within 30 days prior to export.

- 2.10 The animals have been deticked for all external parasites within 7 or 12 days prior to export.
- 2.11 The animals have been treated with long oxytetracycline at dose rate 5-10 mg/kg live weight ten (10) days prior to export.
- 2.12 The animal have been clinically examined for CLA, including palpation and found to be negative.

3.0 Controls in Myanmar

- 3.1 All animals destined for export to Malaysia shall be originated from the accredited quarantine centers /farms or holding yards, inspected and approved by the DVS Malaysia and LBVD, Myanmar.
- 3.2 Each individual animal will be identified by using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) approved by Malaysia Veterinary Authority at the cost of the importer for identification and traceability prior to export.
- 3.3 Only animal which have been examine and found to be healthy and free from any clinical disease are approved to export to Malaysia.
- 3.4 A quarantine report shall be issued by a competent veterinary officer of LBVD, Myanmar supervising the approved quarantine centre/farm for every consignment of animals to be exported into Malaysia, prior to the shipment of the animals.

4.0 Transportation and Landing Place

The consignment of animals shall be carried by appropriate vehicles direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port/point of entry in Malaysia.

5.0 Arrival in Malaysia

Upon arrival and inspection at the point of entry, the consignment of animals shall then precede to Malaysian approved quarantine in the bordering State where the animals are further quarantined and observed.

6.0 Quarantine in Malaysia

- 6.1 The animals shall be quarantine for a period of not less than 15 clear days at the DVS, Malaysia approved quarantine and shall be subjected to the following measures :
 - 6.1.1 Vaccinated against FMD with trivalent (O, A, Asia 1) on day two (2) quarantine and vaccination on day fourteenth (14) quarantine.
 - 6.1.2 Laboratory test for NSP ELISA against FMD on day two (2) quarantine and other test where deemed necessary.
- 6.2 In the event of FMD or any exotic disease being detected amongst the animals in quarantine, all infected animals must be destroyed and in contact animals must be sent for immediate slaughter. No compensation shall be paid to the importer or owner of the animals.
- 6.3 All animals shall be released on the day sixteenth (16) quarantine if found to be clinically healthy and free from all infectious or contagious disease. The quarantine period may be extended if deemed necessary.

- 6.4 The animals from the approved quarantine shall be moved in sealed vehicles to the approved destination/farm(s) where the animals are to be reared under the veterinary supervision.

7.0 Other Condition

- 7.1 If an importer is importing through agents then all the agents must be registered with the office of the Director General of Veterinary services, Malaysia.
- 7.2 All importers or importing agents shall inform the Officer in Charge of the approved quarantine, the number of animals to be imported, proposed date of import and shall follow the schedule of importation before make any commitment for the importation. Any importers or agent who failed to have approval for the place of quarantine shall not import the animal.

8.0 Post Quarantine Measures

- 8.1 **Animal going direct for slaughter**
The animals shall be taken directly to the DVS approved abattoirs for slaughter after been released from quarantine. While in the abattoir, the animals shall be subjected to the Control of Slaughter Rules 1975, Meat Inspection Rules 1985 and Standard Management Procedures as adopted.
- 8.2 **Animal not for immediate slaughter**
The imported animals that are not slaughtered immediately shall be held in a holding yard or farm of the importer approved by DVS. Prior to receiving the imported animals, all susceptible animals in the farm that might come in contact with the animal were vaccinated with local FMD strain vaccine.
- 8.3 **Animal for feedlotting**
The animals shall be confined and observed in the farm/holding yard for a period of six (6) months and every precautions must be taken to ensure that no contact be made with other animals.

9.0 Suspension of Import

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

10.0 Right to amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services shall amend the above regulation at anytime as he may deem necessary.

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