

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE AND BUFFALO FROM THAILAND INTO MALAYSIA FOR BREEDING PURPOSE

- I. Country of Export : Thailand
- II. Purpose : Breeder

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 by a competent Veterinary Officer of the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Thailand within 7 days of export, giving detailed description of the consignment (age, breed, sex, number of head, animal ID) certifying to the effect that :

- 2.1 Thailand is free from Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy has not been reported in Thailand.
- 2.2 The cattle were derived from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free province for the past 6 months prior to and till the date of export and that the animals were born or kept in these provinces for at least 6 months. FMD has not 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 DLD, Thailand and DVS, Malaysia approved quarantine station for 10 days prior to export. All animals were 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 had been done in government laboratory or accredited laboratory.
- 2.5 The animals had given a negative reaction to a tuberculin test carried out not more than one (1) month immediately prior to export.
- 2.6 The animals were not suffering or had not suffered from Johne's disease (Bovine Paratuberculosis) and they had not been in contact with any animal known to be suffering from such diseases and derived from farm free from Johne's disease for the past five (5) years till the date of export;

AND

The animals were tested negative with Complement Fixation Test or ELISA or AGID or Johnin (skin allergy test) not more than one (1) month prior to export.

- 2.7 The animals derived from a farm certified by DLD, Thailand to be free from Brucellosis by CFT or ELISA test with negative results not more than one (1) month prior to export.

AND

All animals were vaccinated with RB51 prior to export except for pregnant animals.

- 2.8 The animal derived from a farm certified by DLD, Thailand to be free from Leptospirosis caused by *leptospira* of the serotypes *hardjo*, *pomona*, *tarassovi* (hyos).

AND

The animals were tested by the Microscopic Agglutination Test (MAT) for Leptospirosis not more than (1) month prior to export with titres less than 1/100;

OR

For the animals that are below 12 months of age and have been vaccinated against *leptospira* serotype *hardjo*, *pomona*, *tarassovi* (hyos), such animals need not to be blood tested.

- 2.9 The animals were derived from a farm certified free from Bovine Venereal Campylobacteriosis and Trichomoniasis;

AND

The bulls have been tested negative with direct microscopic and cultural examination of preputial specimens within one (1) month prior to export.

- 2.10 The animals were derived from a herd officially free from Enzootic Bovine Leukosis;

AND

The animals showed negative response to ELISA for the disease during the thirty (30) days prior to export.

- 2.11 The animals showed no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis at the time of export and were kept and protected from insect vectors in a quarantine station for a minimum of twenty one (21) days prior to export;

AND

The animals came from a herd officially free from vesicular stomatitis and showed negative response to complement fixation test (CFT) for the disease during the thirty (30) days prior to export.

- 2.12 The animals have been vaccinated against Babesiosis and Anaplasmosis within one (1) month prior to export.

- 2.13 The animals were treated with an approved broad spectrum anthelmintic and parasiticide for both internal and external parasite within 7 days prior to export and are free from both internal and external parasite.

- 2.14 The animals have been treated once with oxytetracycline at 20 mg/kg live weight ten (10) days prior to export.

3.0 Controls in Thailand

- 3.1 All animals destined for export to Malaysia shall be originated from the accredited quarantine centers /farms or holding yards, and approved by the DLD, Thailand.
- 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 into Malaysia.
- 3.4 A quarantine report shall be issued by a competent veterinary officer of DLD 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 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, test for Brucellosis, test for Tuberculosis and other test where deemed necessary.
- 6.2 All animals shall be released on the day sixteenth (16) quarantine if found to be clinically healthy and free from any infectious or contagious disease. The quarantine period may be extended if deemed necessary.
- 6.3 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 conditions

- 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 Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation from Thailand either temporary 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 regulation.

9.0 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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