# REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DAY OLD CHICKS INTO MALAYSIA

A. Day-old Chicks : Chicken, ducks, domestic fowl, guinea fowl, turkey, quail, goose

B. Country of export : Any Country

C. Purpose : Breeding

D. Regulations for importation:

#### 1. Import Permit

The consignment of live day old chicks shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) concerned permitting the importation of such chickens into Malaysia.

# 2. Veterinary Certification

Each consignment of day-old chicks shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate giving detailed description of the consignment (age, breed, sex, number of DOC), approval establishment number, name and address of the farm - issued within seven (7) days days of import and signed or endorsed by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export certifying that;

- 2.1. The country or part of country or state of origin has been continuously free from Newcastle disease, avian influenza and fowl cholera for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.
- 2.2. The chicks were hatched from eggs derived from a registered farm which is accredited to be free from Salmonella pullorum, Salmonella enteritidis, Salmonella gallinarum, Salmonella typhimurium duck viral enteritis and duck viral hepatitis; and no case of fowl cholera, infectious bronchitis, infectious laryngotracheitis, infectious bursal disease, marek's disease, egg drop syndrome, swollen head syndrome, avian encephalomyelitis and mycoplasmosis had been diagnosed or occurred on the farm in the preceding six (6) months prior to export.
- 2.3. The chicks were hatched in a hatchery approved by the veterinary authority of the country of export and that no eggs from any other farm have been hatched in the same incubator at the same time.
- 2.4. The eggs and incubators used in the hatchery have been fumigated and disinfected prior to incubation.
- 2.5. The chicks were packed direct from the incubator in the hatchery into satisfactory clean and new disposable boxes for export, and had no contact with any bird other than day-old chicks originating from the same hatchery.
- 2.6. The day-old chicks destined for export to Malaysia have not been vaccinated OR have been vaccinated using vaccine that approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country against Marek's disease only or with other common poultry diseases vaccination (The list of disease vaccinated and date of vaccination shall be listed in the certification)
- 2.7. The day-old chicks destined for export to Malaysia have been examined by the registered veterinarian and found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.

# 3. Transportation and Landing Place

Each consignment day-old chicks imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia.

# 4. Other Conditions

The importer must obtain written approval from DVS prior importation by providing the farm name, number and address in the country of export.

The farms(s) or premises of origin may be subjected to inspection by the officials from the DVS, Malaysia as and when deemed required.

# 5. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deemed necessary suspend importations from that country either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks occur or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

# 6. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia or State Veterinary Director shall amend the above regulations at any time as he may deem necessary.

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