

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF CAPRINE/OVINE EMBRYOS FROM CANADA INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal Species : Goat and Sheep
- B. Product : Embryos (Frozen or chilled)
- C. Exporting Countries : Canada
- D. Regulations for importation :

1. Import Permit

The import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) concerned permitting the import of such embryos into Malaysia.

2. Veterinary Certification

- 2.1. The consignment must be accompanied by Veterinary Health Certificate issued within 7 days of export by the competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of Canada (CFIA).
- 2.2. The identification of the donor animals and the date/s of collection must be shown on the veterinary certificate. All straws must be permanently marked with the identification of the donor bulls and collection dates. If a collection code with dates is used it must accompany the consignment.
- 2.3. The veterinary health certificate certifying that ;
 - 2.3.1. Canada has been free of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, sheep pox and goat pox during the 12 months prior to collection of embryos.
 - 2.3.2. The female donors were born or remained in Canada for at least 60 days prior to the collection of the embryos.
 - 2.3.3. The embryo collection centre and/or the flock of origin is/are certified to b:
 - 2.3.3.1 not under official quarantine for the control of contagious diseases;
 - 2.3.3.2 free of brucellosis and tuberculosis;
 - 2.3.3.3 free of clinical evidence of Johne's disease;
 - 2.3.3.4 free from clinical evidence of caseous lymphadenitis, leptospirosis, caprine arthritis-encephalitis, maedi-visna, scrapie, bluetongue, trichomoniasis and campylobacteriosis infection during the previous 6 months.
 - 2.3.4. The semen used to fertilized the embryos came from donor animals which stayed in an authorized insemination centre under official control or was legally imported into Canada and met the import requirements of the Canada Food Inspection Agency. When a natural service or fresh semen was used, the male donors complied with the same sanitary requirements as the female donors.
 - 2.3.5. At the time of the collection of the embryos, the donor females were examined, found in good health and certified free from clinical evidence of any notifiable infectious or contagious disease.

- 2.3.6. The embryos were collected, processed and stored by a collection team approved by the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) under strict hygiene conditions that meet the criteria established in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) and inspected at least once a year by an official veterinarian.
 - 2.3.7. Each lot of embryos was prepared, frozen and placed inside sterile containers. The straw which contain the embryos and the container are marked in such a way as to identified the date of collection, the male and female donor animals and the approval number of the collection team.
 - 2.3.8. The embryos were stored in a location approved by the CFIA for a minimum of 30 days prior to export.
- 2.4. The container was sealed and the number or mark on the seal recorded on the certificate prior to export.

3. Transportation and Landing Place

The consignment of semen shall be carried by a ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.

4. Suspension of Import

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

5. Right to Amend Import Regulations

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

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