

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM INDIA INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export/Origin : India
- C. Purpose : Racing or Equestrian
- D. Regulations for Importation:

### **1. Import License**

The horse(s) shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such animals into Malaysia.

### **2. Description of Animals**

The horse(s) shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Identity or Passport containing a full description and identification of the animal.

### **3. Veterinary Certification**

The horse(s) shall be accompanied by a valid veterinary health certificate issued by the competent veterinary authority of India certifying that:-

- 3.1 The horse(s) were continuously resident in India for at least six (6) months immediately prior to export or since birth.
- 3.2 India has been free from African horse sickness (AHS), equine influenza, dourine, glanders and vesicular stomatitis, during the past two (2) years, that the diseases are compulsorily notifiable in India and that no vaccination against AHS has been carried out during the past 12 months.
- 3.3 The horse(s) have been resident since birth or for the three (3) months prior to export, in states/provinces that have been free from surra, borna disease, epizootic lymphangitis and horse pox during the period and that the horses have not been into infected states or provinces and have not been in contact with any infected animals during the past 6 months prior to export.
- 3.4 The horse(s) have been kept since birth or for the past six (6) months prior to export, in establishments or farms where no case of the following diseases has occurred during that time: Contagious equine metritis, equine influenza, strangles, equine infectious anaemia, equine rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1), equine piroplasmiasis, equine viral arteritis, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern, Western, Venezuelan and St Louis), Japanese encephalitis, glanders and any other notifiable diseases of equidae.

3.5 The horse(s) destined for export to Malaysia were kept in government quarantine premises for at least two (2) weeks immediately prior to export, during which period they were under close supervision of the competent veterinary authority and were held in isolation from all other equines and/or animals not of similar health status and were subjected to the following measures:

a. Laboratory Tests

- (i) the horse(s) have been tested for equine morbillivirus pneumonia (Hendra virus) by ELISA test with negative results, within 14 days of export.
- (ii) the horse(s) have been tested for equine infectious anaemia by immunodiffusion test (Coggin's test) with negative results, within 14 days of export.
- (iii) the horse(s), in case of stallion/uncastrated male, have been tested for equine viral arteritis by serum neutralisation test (SNT) at dilution 1 in 4 with negative results, within 14 days of export.

b. Vaccination

- (i) the horse(s) have received a complete course of vaccination against strangles within the recommended period using an approved inactivated vaccine.

c. Medication

- (i) the horse(s) have been treated with an approved long acting broadspectrum parasiticide effective against ticks and a broad spectrum anthelmintic within seven days of export.

3.6 The horse(s) have been examined by the competent veterinary authority's officer within 24 hours of export and found to be healthy, free from any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and fit for travel.

## **5. Quarantine in Malaysia**

5.1 The horse(s) shall undergo quarantine for a period of not less than 30 clear days in the government Quarantine Station upon arrival in Malaysia.

5.2 During the post-arrival quarantine in Malaysia, the horse(s) shall be subjected to the following measures:

(i) The horse(s) may be subjected to laboratory health tests as deemed necessary. The test results must be duly endorsed in the respective horse passport.

5.3 The quarantine period may be extended if and when deemed necessary dependent on the health condition of the horse(s) and laboratory tests.

## **6. Other Conditions**

- 6.1 Pregnant mares destined for export to Malaysia must not exceed 240 days of pregnancy at the time of arrival at port/airport of entry. In the event of foaling during quarantine period, the costs incurred in the management of foaling and the care of mare and foal as result should be borne by the importer/agent/owner of the horses.
- 6.2 It should be the responsible of the importer, agent or owner of the horse(s) to inform the MAQIS officer of the expected date and time of arrival of the horse(s) with a notice of at least three working days prior to the arrival of the consignment in Malaysia.
- 6.3 The importer, agent or owner shall be responsible for all duties, fees or charges associated with the transportation, clearance and quarantine of the horse(s) and any other cost or expenditure incurred in the process of importation of the horse(s).
- 6.4 If any horse dies or is destroyed while under the custody of MAQIS, the cost of destruction and any other charges associated shall be borne by the importer, agent or owner of the horse.
- 6.5 The regulations and duties, fees or charges are subject to change or review without notice notwithstanding the issuance of import license.

## **7.0 Suspension of Import**

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

## **8.0 Right to Amend Import Regulations**

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

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