

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BEEF FROM BRAZIL INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Product : Deboned and deglanded beef
- B. Zone : Brazil
- C. Purpose : Human Consumption
- D. Regulations for importation :

1. Import Permit

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

2. Veterinary Health Certification

The consignment of beef shall be accompanied by an official Veterinary Health Certificate in English dated within seven (7) days of export issued by competent Veterinary Authority of the Brazil certifying that ;

- 2.1 The country has been free from rift valley fever and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.
- 2.2 The beef is derived from cattle which have been kept since birth or for at least the past three (3) months in foot and mouth disease (FMD) free zone where vaccination is practiced.
- 2.3 The beef is derived from cattle which originates from farms which has been certified by the veterinary authority of Brazil to be free from bovine tuberculosis, vesicular stomatitis and any other infectious or contagious diseases for the past twelve (12) months prior to export.
- 2.4 The beef is derived from cattle which has been kept in an establishments that are not placed under movement restrictions for the control of anthrax and where there has been no case of anthrax during the twenty (20) days prior to slaughter.
- 2.5 The beef is derived from cattle which were not vaccinated against anthrax using live vaccine during the fourteen (14) days prior to slaughter or a longer period depending on the manufacturer's recommendations.
- 2.6 Brazil has been classified by the OIE as a country with negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk.
- 2.7 The beef is derived from cattle which have not been fed with any kind of processed animal protein.
- 2.8 Prior to slaughter, the cattle have been examined (ante-mortem inspections) and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of foot and mouth disease, anthrax and other infectious or contagious diseases.
- 2.9 The carcass of the slaughtered cattle were subjected to post-mortem meat examinations and found to be free from foot and mouth disease, anthrax and any other infectious or

contagious diseases lesion in accordance to standard meat inspection procedures of the exporting country.

- 2.10 The carcasses have been deboned and deglanded under sanitary conditions and all specific risk material (SRM) such as the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia (nerves attached to the brain), eyes, tonsils, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia (nerves attached to the spinal cord) and the distal ileum are removed from the slaughtered animal in such a manner that it does not contaminate the beef exported into Malaysia.
- 2.11 The carcasses have been eviscerated, dressed and held in the chiller at a temperature of 0°C - 4°C for a minimum period of 24 (twenty four) hours with pH less than 6 at the approved abattoir.
- 2.12 The beef is free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues.
- 2.13 Every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives/ colouring matters or other foreign substances which is injurious to health to ensure the beef is fit for human consumption.
- 2.14 The beef have been packed hygienically using new packaging material and labeled with the approved establishment name, address, number and stamped with the batch number, date of slaughter and expiry date.
- 2.15 The packed beef were stored under sanitary conditions at temperature of 0°C to 4°C for chilled temperature or at least -18°C for frozen temperature at the approved abattoir.
- 2.16 Slaughtering, cutting, processing, packaging and storage were carried out at the abattoir approved by Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia. (name, address and establishment number of the approved abattoir must be clearly stated in the certificate).

3. Halal Certification

- 3.1 The consignment of beef shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by HALAL Organization body recognized by JAKIM, certifying that the slaughter of the cattle has been done according to Muslim rites and that all slaughtering, chilling, freezing, storing, transportation and all other acts in connection with handling and consignment have been done separately from the other species of animals.
- 3.2 The certificate contains details of the following ;
 - a. Name and address of the abattoir
 - b. Name and address of consignor or exporter
 - c. Description of animal slaughtered;
 - Number of animal slaughtered
 - Date of slaughter
 - Date of Dispatch
 - Quantity of meat

4. Transportation and Landing Place

- 4.1 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for the transportation of the beef must be in hygienic conditions and at temperature of 0°C to 4°C for chilled or at -18°C for frozen.
- 4.2 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for transportation is solely for halal meat and should only carry the said product.
- 4.3 Each consignment of beef imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.

5. Other Conditions

The approved abattoir shall be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) and Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) at anytime as and when deemed necessary.

6. Disease outbreak and contravention of regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia may at anytime when deemed necessary refuse entry of the imported beef in the event of disease outbreak or in the case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or the State Director of Veterinary Services Malaysia may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the beef from Brazil 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.

7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

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

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