

**REGULATIONS FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT OF SPORTS HORSES
BETWEEN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES**

- A. Animal : Sports Horse
- B. Country of Export/Import : Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines
- C. Purpose : International Competition or Show
- D. Regulations for Importation :

1. General

- 1.1. These rules and regulations shall apply only to **sports horses** intended to participate in the **international competition or show** in **Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia or Philippines**.
- 1.2. These rules and regulations are made with intention to harmonize the import and export of sports horses and to facilitate the two-way movement of sports horses amongst the member countries for international competition or show purposes only using the **equine passport**.
- 1.3. In rules and regulation, unless the context otherwise requires;
 - 1.3.1. **“animal”** means sports horses (equestrian, polo and endurance);
 - 1.3.2. **“competition or show”** means international competition, tournaments or show;
 - 1.3.3. **“passport”** means equine passport;
 - 1.3.4. **“respective country”** means Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines;
 - 1.3.5. **“national federation or association”** means the Thailand Equestrian Federation, the Philippines Equestrian Federation, the Equestrian Association of Malaysia, Royal Malaysian Polo Association and Singapore or the Indonesia Horse Society;
 - 1.3.6. **“veterinary authority”** means the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia, the Agriculture and Veterinary Authority Singapore, the Department of Livestock and Development Thailand, the Directorate General of Livestock Services Indonesia or the Bureau of Animal Industry Philippines.

2. Issuance of Passport

2.1. Registration

- 2.1.1. The passport shall only issue to an animal registered with the National Federation or association of the respective countries. The animals shall come from establishments or equestrian clubs that are affiliated to the respective national federation or association and recognized by the veterinary authority of the respective country.

2.2. Particulars of Passport

- 2.2.1. The passport shall only be issued by the respective national federation or association and has been sign by both the president or chairman and the secretary general or secretary of the national federation or association of the respective country.
- 2.2.2. Information details required in the passport shall be duly completed by a registered or licensed veterinary surgeon, will signature and stamp;
 - 2.2.2.1. **Ownership** : name, address, nationality & signature of owner, date & place of issue.

2.2.2.2. **Details identification of animal** : name, sex & color of horse, age at the time of registration; year & country of birth; breed & registration number of horses; name of sire & dam; previous passport number; name & address of owner at the time of registration (in case of change of ownership)

2.2.2.3. **Details description of animal** : ID or microchip number & location or brand number or horse; the outline diagram details of horse describing the head, pace, neck left forelimb, left hind limb, right hind limb, left & right side of body of the horse; date & place where the inspection and description were done.

2.3. **Items to be recorded in Passport**

2.3.1. All medication and vaccinations given on the animal must be recorded in the passport by a registered or licensed veterinary surgeon who attends to the animal.

2.3.1.1. **Details of medication record** : date & place of medication given, name & batch number of drug or medicament, purpose of medication.

2.3.1.2. **Details of vaccination record** : date & place of vaccination given, name & batch number of vaccine, name of vaccine's manufacturer & country of manufacturing, name of diseases against which the vaccine given.

3. **Conditions for International Movement (Entry into Malaysia)**

3.1. **Disease and Health Status**

3.1.1. The animal shall be in good health and has been continuously resident in the country of origin of the recognized establishment or equestrian clubs for the preceding two (2) months immediately prior to the date of export.

3.1.2. The establishment or equestrian clubs must be certified free from infectious or contagious equine diseases during the period by the competent veterinary authority of country of origin.

3.1.3. The horses originated from establishment or equestrian clubs that has been free from the following disease for the last six (6) months prior to export ; ***Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Encephalomyelitis (Eastern/Western), West Nile Virus, Scabies, Anthrax, Glanders, Dourine, Surra, Strangles, Epizootic Lymphagitis, Ulcerative Lymphagitis, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Viral Arteritis, Equine Piroplasmosis, Hendra Virus, Equine Influenza*** OR any other notifiable horse disease in the exporting country.

3.1.4. The horse had been examined and was found clinically free from any infectious or contagious disease at time of export.

3.2. **Laboratory Health Test**

3.2.1. The animal shall be tested at an officially approved or registered laboratory by the veterinary authority of the respective country and found to be free from the following equine diseases ;

3.2.1.1. **Strangles** by Three (3) consecutive nasopharyngeal swabs sampled tested by PCR with negative results performed 2 weeks apart, with the last sampling performed within 5 days prior to export.

3.2.1.2. **Equine infectious anemia** by Coggin's test (agar gel immunodiffusion) within 1 month of date of export, with negative result.

3.2.1.3. **Glanders** by Complement Fixation Test or by bacterial isolation within 1 month of date of export, with negative result.

3.2.1.4. **Piroplasmosis** by blood smear or indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) or complement fixation test (CFT) within 1 month of date of export with negative result.

3.2.1.5. **Surra (*trypanosome evansi*)** by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) or by haematocrit centrifugation test within 1 month of date of export with negative result.

3.2.2. All tests mentioned in this procedure shall be carried out in an approved laboratory by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country using OIE prescribed methodologies.

3.2.3. Details information's pertaining to each test must be properly declared in the veterinary health certificate / recorded in the passport by a registered or licensed veterinary surgeon.

3.3. Medication and Treatment

3.3.1. The animal has been treated with an approved long-acting broad spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks and a broad spectrum anthelmintic within 30 days but not less than 14 days prior to export.

3.4. Vaccination

3.4.1. The animal shall have been vaccinated against the following equine diseases using an officially approved vaccine by the registered or licensed veterinary surgeon of the respective federation or association :

3.4.1.1. **Equine influenza** using an inactivated vaccine once as a booster to certified a primary course or twice at an interval course of 4 to 6 weeks between the two vaccinations within 6 months but not less than 30 days immediately prior to date of export.

3.4.1.2. **Japanese B Encephalitis** using inactivated vaccine once as a booster to certified primary course or twice at an interval of 4 to 6 weeks within 12 months but not less than 30 days prior to export.

4. Conditions for Reentry into Own Country

4.1. Upon completion of the competition or show, the animal may return to own country of origin with accompanying passport and veterinary health certificate certifying the health status of the animal and laboratory health test as stipulated in 3.2.1 and also other requirement from country of origin.

5. Transportation

5.1. The animal shall be transported by float, vessel or aircraft direct from the establishment of origin or port or airport of embarkation to the prescribed port or airport of disembarkation or establishment or place of competition or show in the respective country. Stop over is permitted only at designated stop over for the purpose of providing feed and water to the horses.

5.1.1. **List of Stop Over (MALAYSIA) :**

- 5.1.1.1. Padang Besar
- 5.1.1.2. Bukit Kayu Hitam
- 5.1.1.3. Rantau Panjang
- 5.1.1.4. Ipoh
- 5.1.1.5. Melaka

5.2. The float for transport shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using an officially approved disinfectant prior to loading.

- 5.3. The transport by air or sea shall comply with the updated international Air transport Association (IATA) guidelines and standards. The vessels/container/pallet shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using an approved disinfectant and insecticide by the veterinary authority of the respective country.
- 5.4. The consignment of animals shall only be allowed to be transported through the recognized / authorized exit or entry points in the respective country.

6. Passport as Accompanying Travel Documents

- 6.1. The animals should have an identity certificate or passport by a registered veterinary surgeon in the country of origin and further endorsed by a Government Veterinary Authority describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification of the horses.
- 6.2. Duly completed valid passport for each individual animal shall always accompany the animal when traveling and attending any competition or show either in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia or Philippines. The passport shall be produced on request to the veterinary authority of the respective country for technical and health control inspection or the officer in charge at the official exit or entry point for inspection and visas endorsement at each time the animal is being imported and exported or moved in and out of the respective country.

7. Quarantine

- 7.1. The horse shall be kept for continuous 60 days in an equine establishment in country of origin not prohibited for animal health reasons prior to export.
- 7.2. The horse for export shall be kept isolated from other resident horses under the supervision of the veterinary authority of the exporting country during the final 14 days prior to export.
- 7.3. Horses that have complied with the rule and regulation stipulated herein and clinically healthy at time of arrival will then be quarantined at a designated confined area / competition or racing area approved by the veterinary authority of the respective country. The duration of quarantine period is in accordance to the duration of the competition until the horse returns to its own country of origin.
- 7.4. Upon completion of the show/competition, the horse shall be exported back to its country of origin within 14 days after the show/competition participated ends.

8. Notification of Arrival

- 8.1. The owner of the horse or his representative or competition/show organizers shall notify veterinary authority of the respective country at the port/airport of disembarkation at least three working days before the arrival of the horse.

9. Veterinary Inspection and Disease Control Measures

- 9.1. The animal shall be subjected to veterinary inspection by the competent officer of the veterinary authority of the respective country, upon arrival or during the period of competition or show. The animal may be subjected to any health control measure including collection of samples or laboratory testing by the respective country.
- 9.2. In the case where any animal is suspected to suffer from any infectious or contagious equine diseases or outbreak of infectious or contagious equine diseases has occurred during this period, the veterinary authority of the host country reserves the right to apply the standard disease control and eradication procedures.

- 9.3. No compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of the destruction of any animal, in pursuance of an order made under item 9.1 by the veterinary authority of the respective country.

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