

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CARNIVORES INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal : Carnivores
- B. Country of Export/Origin : Any Country
- C. Purposes : Zoo Animals / Pets
- D. Regulations for Importation :

1. Approval of Import

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

2. Veterinary Health Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate in English issued and signed by a competent veterinary officer of the veterinary authority of the country of export, containing proper identification of the animals and the names and addresses of the consignor and the consignee. The competent veterinary officer shall certify that:

- 2.1. The animals originate from an area or premise that has been free from rabies and other infectious and contagious diseases of carnivores during the preceding 12 months.
- 2.2. The animals have been kept in quarantine at a government approved quarantine facility for a period of not less than 14 days.
- 2.3. The animals have been vaccinated against rabies, distemper, hepatitis and leptospirosis (for canine species) and against rabies, feline panleukopenia, feline rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus (for feline species) not less than 30 days and not more than one year prior to export.
- 2.4. The animals were treated with officially approved remedies (providing the list of treatments) for external and internal parasites.
- 2.5. The animals have been examined regularly during quarantine and within 24 hours of export and found to be healthy, free of clinical signs of diseases and external parasites and were fit to travel.

3. Transportation and Landing Place

- 3.1. The animals shall be transported in suitable new or disinfected crates by sealed trucks direct from the quarantine facility to the approved airport or port of embarkation in the country of export.
- 3.2. Once inside the aircraft or vessel, the crates and the cabin or compartment shall be sprayed with an approved insecticide immediately before the doors of the cabin or compartment are closed to ensure that the animals, crates and all other associated material are free from insects.
- 3.3. From the airport or port of embarkation, an aircraft or a vessel shall carry the consignment of animals direct to the approved airport or port of disembarkation in Malaysia.

4. Quarantine in Malaysia

- 4.1. Upon arrival in Malaysia, the animals shall be quarantine for a period of not less than 30 clear days at the approved quarantine station(s). The first day begin counted after the last animal/bird has been admitted; all the animals may be released on the 31st day.
- 4.2. Should any animal show symptoms or signs of disease or infection, all animals shall be subjected to relevant laboratory tests or any other action deemed fit, at the expense of the importer.
- 4.3. Upon confirmation of any disease (infectious, contagious or zoonotic), an appropriate action shall be taken by the Department including destroying the animals at the expense of the import and without compensation.
- 4.4. The animals released from the approved quarantine station(s) shall be moved in sealed lorries or sealed trucks to the approved destination or premises under the veterinary supervision.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The importer shall provide the Director General or the Officer of the Department at the airport or port of arrival, the following information at least 72 hours before arrival of the animals.
 - a the number of animals in the consignment
 - b the expected date of arrival
 - c the airport or port of disembarkation in Malaysia
 - d the farm or establishment where the animals in the consignment will be kept
- 5.2. An approval shall be obtain from the Director General of the Department of Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Malaysia as may be required under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), prior to issuance of the import permit.

6. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend 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.

7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services shall amend the above conditions at any time as he may deemed necessary.

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