

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS FROM AUSTRALIA INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Dogs and Cats
- B. Country of Export : Australia
- C. Purpose : Companion / Working / Breeding
- D. Regulation for importation :

### **1. Import Permit**

- 1.1. The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) concerned permitting the importation of such animals into Malaysia.
- 1.1. For dogs, the approval to get the import permit is also subjected to the breed of the dogs (refer to clause no 6: List of Banned/Restricted Breeds of Dogs and clause no 7: Conditions for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breeds of Dogs)

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

- 2.1. The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a pet passport or certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals.
- 2.2. The animal shall be identified using an ISO (MS 11784 & MS 11785) transponder microchip.

### **3. Veterinary Certification**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate issued by a competent Veterinary Authority of Australia within seven (7) days of export, certifying that;

- 3.1. No case of rabies had been reported to have occurred in Australia within two (2) years prior to export.
- 3.2. The dogs/cats have been continuously resident in Australia for at least six (6) month or since birth and were at least three months of age prior to export.
- 3.3. The dogs/cats had not been imported into Australia during the six (6) months prior to export.
- 3.4. The dogs/cats originated from an establishment or farm or premise where no case of Hendra virus has occurred during the last six (6) months prior to export.
- 3.5. The dogs/cats have been tested for Hendra Virus using Serum Neutralization Test (SNT) at dilution 1 in 2 with negative results, within fourteen (14) days prior to export.
- 3.6. The animal was vaccinated, within twelve (12) months prior to export against canine adenovirus type 2, canine distemper, canine parainfluenza, and canine parvovirus (for dogs) and against *Chlamydia psittaci*, feline calicivirus, feline panleukopenia and feline rhinotracheitis (for cats).
- 3.7. The animal has been treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export (state active ingredients and date of treatment) and with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and

cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export (state active ingredients and date of treatment).

- 3.8. The vaccination history status, treatment given and health status of the animal is up to date.
- 3.9. The animal has been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease, within seven (7) days prior to export and certification, and showed no any clinical signs and fit to travel on the day of shipment.

#### **4. Transportation and Landing Place**

The dogs/cats shall be carried by aircraft or other mean of transportation direct to the prescribed landing place or any other airport in Malaysia.

#### **5. Quarantine in Malaysia**

- 5.1. Upon arrival the dogs/cats shall be placed in approved quarantine for a period of not less than **10 clear** days where the dogs/cats may be vaccinated with approved anti-rabies vaccine or laboratory health tests as deemed necessary.
- 5.2. The dogs/cats will be released if found to be free of any evidence of infection. However, where deemed necessary the quarantine period can be extended up to six (6) months based on risk assessment on a case to case basis.

#### **6. List of Banned / Restricted Breed of Dogs**

##### **6.1. Restricted Breed of Dogs**

- 6.1.1. Bull Mastiff
- 6.1.2. Bull Terrier
- 6.1.3. Doberman
- 6.1.4. German Shepard/Alsatian including Belgian Shepard and East European Shepard
- 6.1.5. Perro de Presa Canario (also known as Canary Dog)
- 6.1.6. Rottweiler

##### **6.2. Banned Breed of Dogs**

- 6.2.1. Akita
- 6.2.2. American Bulldog
- 6.2.3. Dogo Argentino
- 6.2.4. Fila Brasileiro
- 6.2.5. Japanese Tosa
- 6.2.6. Neapolitan Mastiff
- 6.2.7. Pit Bull Terrier / Pit Bull (also known as American Pit Bull, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terrier)

#### **7. Condition for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breed of Dogs**

An approval to import restricted breeds of dogs shall be obtained in writing from the Director General of Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) subject to the following conditions, prior to application of an import permit ;

- 7.1. Dogs shall not be less than 3 months of age at the time of import.
- 7.2. Dogs shall have a pedigree certificate issued by an approved organisation in the country of export (name and address of the organisation shall be specified).

- 7.3. Dogs shall be identified using an ISO (MS 11784 & MS 11785) compliant microchip and the identification codes clearly recorded in the pedigree certificate.
- 7.4. Name and address of the importer who shall be responsible for the care and handling of the dog shall be clearly stated in the application for approval.
- 7.5. The premise or residence of the dog shall be inspected by the Director to verify facilities regarding kennel, size of the compound, safety and control of the dog.
- 7.6. The importer shall provide a written declaration that the dog ;
  - 7.6.1. is a personal pet and not intended for sale (Importation of controlled breeds of dogs is allowed as a personal pet of the importer or for security purpose only)
  - 7.6.2. shall be kept secured within the compound at all times
  - 7.6.3. shall be kept on a leash and muzzled at all times in public area
  - 7.6.4. shall be under the control of a trained and skilled handler at all times (for Security Dogs)

## **8. Suspension of Import**

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation from Australia either temporary or permanently in the event of disease outbreak or suspected disease outbreak in Australia or in the case of importation in contravention of the above regulation.

## **9. Right to amend Import Regulations**

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

**Department of Veterinary Services**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry**  
**Malaysia**  
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