

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM JAPAN INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export : Japan
- C. Purpose : Recreation or Racing
- D. Regulation for importation:

1. Import Permit

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS).

2. Description of Animals

The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a certificate containing full description or identification of the animals.

3. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent veterinary officer of the Government of country of export certifying that :-

- 3.1. the country has been free from African horse sickness, Venezuelan, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis for the past 2 years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccinations permitted in the country against these diseases;
- 3.2. the country been free from glanders for the past 12 months immediately preceding export; **OR** each animal was tested with mallein test with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export;
- 3.3. the country has been free from trypanosomes for the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of export; **OR** each horse was tested for trypanosomes by inoculation of whole blood into mice/rats and examined by Giemsa-stained blood smears every alternate day for a period of twenty- eight (28) days with negative results;
- 3.4. the country has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of export; **OR** the animal has never been mated and is gelded. **OR** the animal has been tested for the causal agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture;
- 3.5. the animal has been resident continuously for the past 3 months* immediately preceding export in the country;
- 3.6. to the best of the veterinary surgeon's knowledge and belief that, during the 3 months immediately preceding export, the animal have not suffered from any of diseases listed below, have not been on any premises on which these diseases have occurred, nor had the animals otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with these diseases; equine infectious anemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, rabies, scabies, anthrax, glanders, dourine, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis or any other disease of equines notifiable in the country;
- 3.7. the country has been free from equine infectious anemia and/or equine viral arteritis for the preceding 12 months; **OR** the animals have been tested in a laboratory approved by the government veterinary authority for the following diseases: (i) equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion(Coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export. (ii) equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation test with negative

results at dilution of 1 in 4 within 15 days preceding export. * Waived for re-import of Singapore/Malaysian horses.

- 3.8. the animals had not been vaccinated with any vaccine within 30 days preceding export; Each animal has been examined by the certifying veterinary surgeon within 48 hours immediately preceding export and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

4. Transportation and Landing Place

- 4.1. The consignment of animals shall be carried by ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port in Malaysia.
- 4.2. no other fodder other than from the country where the animals were exported was carried in the ship or aircraft during the time that the animals were on board the ship or aircraft.

5. Quarantine in Malaysia

Upon arrival in Malaysia, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of 30 clear days at the approved quarantine stations. The first day being counted after the last animal has been admitted; all the animals shall be released on the 31st day.

6. Suspension of Import

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

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