

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM ARGENTINA INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Export : Argentina
- C. Purpose : Permanent import
- 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 a 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 Veterinary Authority of exporting country certifying that ;

- 3.1. The country has been free from African horse sickness and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the past 2 years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccination is 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 has 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 animal 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 or 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 country has been free from Equine Influenza Virus for the last 12 months OR the horse was tested using PCR or RT-PCR test with negative results within 30 days prior to export;
- 3.6. 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;
  - 3.6.1. Equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export.
  - 3.6.2. 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.

- 3.7. The animal has been resident continuously for the past 3 months immediately preceding export in the country;
- 3.8. The horse(s) were originated from an establishment or farm where no case of the following diseases has occurred during the last twelve (12) months prior to export ; Vesicular stomatitis, Equine infectious anemia, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, Rabies, Scabies, Anthrax, Dourine, Strangles, Epizootic lymphangitis, Ulcerative lymphangitis, Equine rhinopneumonitis, Leptospirosis, Surra, Hendra, Nipah, Equine viral arteritis or any other disease of equines notifiable in the country;
- 3.9. The animal has been vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine for Equine Influenza according to the manufacturers recommendation between 21 to 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster;
- 3.10. Each animal has been examined 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 horses shall be transported in clean, disinfected and sealed floats or carried by ship or aircraft direct to the entry point or prescribed landing place or any other port or airport as in Malaysia;
- 4.2. No other horses not of the same health status or any other animals of different species were carried on the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which such declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft;
- 4.3. No fodder from any other country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time to which such declaration refers was on board the ship/aircraft. Hay or straw was not used as bedding during transport by air (treated wood shavings, sterilized peat or soft board may be used, instead);

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

- 5.1. The horse(s) shall undergo quarantine for a period of not less than 14 clear days in the Quarantine Station upon arrival in Malaysia.
- 5.2. During the post-arrival quarantine, the horse(s) shall be subjected to the following measures;
  - 5.2.1. Nasopharyngeal swab sample and shall be tested with either by bacterial isolation and identification test of *Streptococcus equi* OR *Streptococcus equi* identification by PCR with negative results.
  - 5.2.2. Equine influenza test using PCR or RT-PCR with negative result.
  - 5.2.3. Other disease test ; Equine herpes virus, Equine infectious anaemia virus, Western equine encephalomyelitis, Surra and Nipah virus using SNT / ELISA / AGID test.
  - 5.2.4. The test results must be duly endorsed in the respective horse passport.

#### **6. Suspension of Import**

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importations from Argentina either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in Argentina 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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