

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HIDE AND SKIN INTO MALAYSIA

A. Product : Hide and Skin

Type of Hides and skins permitted to be imported:

1. Wet-salted
2. Dry-salted
3. Dried
4. Pickled
5. Chrome Wet Blue
6. Crust

B. Country : Any Country

C. Purpose : Any Purpose

D. Regulations for importation :

1. Import Permit

All consignments of hide and skin imported into Malaysia shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such products into Peninsular Malaysia.

2. Veterinary Certification

All consignment of hide and skin imported into Malaysia shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated within seven (7) days of import issued or endorsed by a competent veterinary authority of the country of export certifying that ;

2.1. The country or part of country or state/district of origin has been free from foot and mouth disease, anthrax, peste des petits ruminant, lumpy skin disease, sheep/goat pox and swine fever for the past six (6) months immediately prior to export.

2.2. The hide and skins has derived from animals slaughtered at abattoirs that approved / monitored by the veterinary authority of the exporting country.

2.3. The hides and skin was subject to the following treatment ;

2.3.1. In the case of pickled, chore wet blue of crust type of hides and skins, that these had been subjected to one of the following methods of sterilization during processing (stating which method was adopted) namely ;

2.3.1.1. by immersion for not less than twenty-four hours in a one to one thousand bichloride of mercury solution; or

2.3.1.2. by immersion for not less than twenty-four hours in a solution containing two percent absolute hydrochloric acid (hydrogen chloride) and ten percent sodium chloride; or

2.3.1.3. by immersion for not less than forty-eight hours in a solution containing one percent absolute hydrochloric acid (hydrogen chloride) and ten percent sodium chloride; or

2.3.1.4. by immersion for not less than twenty-four hours in a solution containing one percent formic acid and mercuric chloride in the proportion of one part to two thousand five hundred parts of the solution; hides and skins treated by this process shall be held for two weeks following the treatment before neutralization; or

2.3.1.5. by dehairing and pickling in a solution of salt containing a mineral acid, and packing in barrels, or casks, while still wet with such solution, and the hides or skins are not neutralized within thirty days after being packed; or

2.3.1.6. by dehairing, by the liming process, by immersion for not less than twelve hours in a solution containing not less than fifteen pounds of lime to each one hundred gallons of water.

2.3.2. In the case of wet-salted hides and skins, that these had been wet-salted for a period of not less than 14 (fourteen) days prior to export.

2.3.3. In the case of dry-salted hides and skins, that he is satisfied that these had been thoroughly dry-salted.

2.3.4. In the case of dried hides and skins, that these had been thoroughly hard dried.

2.4. Every precaution was taken to prevent the reinfection of the product during and after the treatment.

2.5. The new or sterilized bag/wrapping/twine etc. were used as packing material and the packing was carried out at the factory itself.

3. Transportation and Landing Place

Each consignment of hides and skin imported into Malaysia shall be transported either by ship or aircraft or any conveyance direct to the prescribed landing place/port in Malaysia.

4. Inspection at the Point of Entry in Malaysia

4.1. All official documents for the consignments of hides and skin imported into Malaysia shall be surrendered to MAQIS Officer in charged for veterinary inspection upon arrival at designated port of disembarkation in Malaysia.

4.2. The veterinary authority may, subject to his professional judgement collect samples of hides and skin for laboratory tests; destroy or further detained any consignment of hides and skin when deemed required.

5. Other Conditions

5.1. The farm and/or plant of origin may be subjected to veterinary inspection by the officials from the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia as and when deemed necessary.

5.2. In the case if the plant failed to comply with the International Standard of GMP and GQC, the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia has the right to withdraw the approval status of the plant or to stop the import of wool, hair or bristles from the plant concerned.

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.