

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE FROM AUSTRALIA INTO MALAYSIA FOR SLAUGHTERING PURPOSE

- I. Country of Export** : **Australia**
- II. Purpose** : **Slaughtering**
- III. Regulations for Importation** :

1. Import Permit

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

2. Description of Animal

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

3. Identification of Animal

The animals shall be tagged with ISO compliance Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) for identification and traceability.

4. Veterinary Certification

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

- 4.1. Rift valley fever, lumpy skin disease, vesicular stomatitis and bovine spongiform encephalopathy have never been reported in Australia and the country is officially free from bovine brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis.
- 4.2. The animals have been kept since birth or for at least 6 months prior to export in Australia where no cases of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, rinderpest or foot and mouth disease were reported during the one (1) year prior to export.
- 4.3. The animals were derived from herds that have been regularly monitored and have been clinically free from Johne's disease for the last two (2) years.
- 4.4. The animals were derived from farms/premises where no cases of anthrax and haemorrhagic septicaemia were reported during the preceding 12 months prior to export.
- 4.5. The animals originated from an establishment or farm, where no case of Hendra virus has occurred during the last six (6) months prior to export.
- 4.6. The animals have never been fed with any kind of processed animal proteins.
- 4.7. The animals were also treated with an approved acaricide and a broad-spectrum anthelmintic according to the manufacturer's instructions within 7 days prior to export and found to be free of ticks at the time of export.
- 4.8. The animals have been examined and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases and fit to travel at the time of export.

5. Transportation and Landing Place

- 5.1. The consignment of animals shall be carried by a ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia.
- 5.2. No fodder or animal feeds were taken on board the ship or aircraft at any intermediate port or airport, except the one that originated from Australia for the purpose of feeding the animals. Sufficient fodder should be provided to last until the animals acclimatize to the local feed.

6. Quarantine in Malaysia

- 6.1. The animals shall be subject to quarantine for a period of not less than 10 clear days at the approved quarantine facility.
- 6.2. During the quarantine period, the animals shall be monitored for any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and laboratory tests as deemed necessary.

7. Other Conditions

Officers of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) shall inspect the farm/s of origin of the animals in Australia as and when necessary.

8. Slaughter of Animal

- 8.1. All animals meant for slaughter shall be slaughtered in approved abattoirs as determined by DVS.
- 8.2. Animals that are not slaughtered immediately shall be held in an approved holding yard/farm.
- 8.3. Release of animals from the approved holding yard/farm for slaughter or sale shall be subject to movement regulations and slaughter procedures provide by DVS.
- 8.4. The importer shall maintain proper records of slaughter or sale of animals at the holding yard or farm, for inspection by DVS.

9. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importations from Australia either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in Australia or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

10. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia shall amend the above regulations as he may deem necessary.

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