REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EMBRYO INTO MALAYSIA

1.0 Product: Embryo2.0 Type of Animals: Cattle3.0 Purpose: Breeding

4.0 Country of Export : Germany

5.0 Requirements for Importation :

5.1 Import Permit

Each consignment of product shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such product into Malaysia.

5.2 Identification

- 5.2.1 Identification of the donor, the date of collection, breed and the number of embryos must be shown on the veterinary certificate accompanying the embryos.
- 5.2.2 The container used to store the embryos must be sealed and the number or mark on the seal must be stated on the veterinary health certificate.

5.3 Veterinary Health Certification

Each consignment of product shall be accompanied by an official Veterinary Health Certificate in English issued by Competent Veterinary Authority of the exporting country certifying that;

- 5.3.1 The exporting country is free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, and free from infection of Brucella in bovine, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis and bovine spongiform encephalopathy during the 12 months prior to the collection of the embryos.
- 5.3.2 The farm where the donor animals were sourced and the embryo collection centre has been free from clinical evidence of tuberculosis, leptospirosis, trichomoniasis, bovine genital campylobacteriosis and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis / infectious pustular vulvovaginitis during the 6 months prior to the collection of the embryos.
- 5.3.3 The donors must be held at an approved embryo collection centre or at an approved farm of origin from the time of insemination until after completion of collection of the embryos/oocytes. The centre or the farm of origin must be under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon and be approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country.
- 5.3.4 The embryo collection centre complies with the procedures established by the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) in order to reduce the risk of contamination by causative agents of bovine brucellosis, foot and mouth disease, bovine anaplasmosis, enzootic bovine leucosis, bluetongue, bovine viral diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheatis/pustular vaginitis and vesicular stomatitis.

- 5.3.5 The semen used to fertilize the embryos / oocytes in this consignment was derived from a donor bull which was healthy and free from any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious diseases.
- 5.3.6 The donor animal (s) was examined and found to be free from any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious diseases on the day of embryo collection.

5.3.7 The embryos in this consignment;

- i. have been collected and processed with all standard aseptic procedures being observed;
- ii. had intact zona pellucida and were free of adherent material at the time of collection and freezing;
- iii. were subjected to washing procedures and trypsin treatment procedures recommended by the IETS Manual and the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code:
- iv. were placed in individual vials or straws which were sealed and properly identified according to the guideline recommended in the IETS Manual;
- v. were stored in either new or sterilized containers at an approved centre prior to shipment.

6.0 Transportation and Landing

Each consignment of product imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.

7.0 Inspection and Verification

Upon arrival in Malaysia, all documents and products shall be surrendered for inspection and verification by MAQIS enforcement officers at the point of entry.

8.0 Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in the exporting country or in case of importation in contravention of the above requirements.

9.0 Right to Amend Import Requirements

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to amend the above requirements at any time as he may deem necessary.

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