

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN FROM FRANCE INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal Species : Cattle
- B. Product : Semen (Frozen or chilled)
- C. Exporting Countries : France
- D. Regulations for importation:

1. Import Permit

The import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) concerned permitting the import of such semen into Malaysia.

2. Veterinary Certification

- 2.1. The consignment must be accompanied by Veterinary Health Certificate issued within 7 days of export by the competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of France.
- 2.2. The identification of the donor animals and the date/s of collection must be shown on the veterinary certificate. All straws must be permanently marked with the identification of the donor bulls and collection dates. If a collection code with dates is used it must accompany the consignment.
- 2.3. The veterinary health certificate certifying that ;
 - 2.3.1. France has been free from bovine brucellosis as per OIE standards.
 - 2.3.2. The semen described in the present certificate is derived from an artificial insemination centre which is under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon and licensed by the French government.
 - 2.3.3. France, wherein the insemination centre is located, has been free from foot and mouth disease rinderpest six (6) months immediately preceding the collection of semen and until the time of export.
 - 2.3.4. The semen in the consignment is derived from animals which had been kept in the artificial insemination (AI) centre for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of collection.
 - 2.3.5. The AI centre is free from of any clinical signs of enzootic bovine leucosis for the last 12 months prior to the collection of semen.
 - 2.3.6. With regards to Bluetongue virus (BTV);
 - i. The donor animals were kept in a BTV free zone for at least 60 days before commencement of, and during, collection of semen OR
 - ii. The donor animals were protected from attack of Culicoides likely to be competent BTV vectors for at least 60 days prior to the commencement of, and during, collection of semen AND were subjected to a serological test with negative results to detect antibody to the BTV group, realized at least every 60 days during the collection of the semen, and between 21 and 60 days after the last collection for this consignment, according to the Terrestrial Manual OR

- iii. Either were subjected to an agent identification test with negative results according to the Terrestrial Manual Animal Health Code OIE on blood samples collected at the beginning and at the end of the collection period and at least every 7 days (virus isolation test) or at least every 28 days (PCR test) during the semen collection period

2.3.7. The donor bull or bulls have been tested and found free for the following diseases:

- i. Tuberculosis by tuberculin test with negative results preceding 6 months prior to collection;
- ii. Leptospirosis, Vibriosis and Trichomoniasis and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (BR) at the time of collection;
- iii. The semen of the donor bull contains no Brucella agglutinin

3. Transportation and Landing Place

The consignment of semen shall be carried by a ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or airport in Malaysia.

4. 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 France either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in France or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

5. Right to Amend Import Regulations

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

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