

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BIRDS INTO PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND FEDERAL TERRITORY OF LABUAN

- 1.0 Birds** : Ornamental birds, Pet Birds, Wild Birds
- 2.0 Purpose** : Any purpose (except for human consumption)
- 3.0 Country of Export** : Any countries
- 4.0 Requirements for Importation** :

4.1 Import Permit

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

4.2 Description of Animals

Each animal shall be identified by using microchip, ring, labelling or marking of a container in which the birds are kept for identification and traceability prior to export.

4.3 Veterinary Health Certificate

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate in English and document on details of consignment giving description which includes common name, scientific name, age, breed, sex (optional), number of head and animal ID. It must be issued and signed by a competent veterinary officer of the veterinary authority of the country of export within seven (7) days prior to export. The competent veterinary officer shall certify that:

4.3.1 The country or part of country or state of origin has been continuously free from infection with notifiable Avian Influenza viruses and Newcastle Disease for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.

4.3.2 For pet bird(s) for non-business purpose, during the last 14 days immediately preceding export, the birds shall be tested for *Salmonella* using bacterial isolation and identification with negative results; and in the case of duck, tested for *duck viral enteritis* and *duck viral hepatitis* using PCR with negative results.

(Pet bird(s) is/are privately-owned companion bird(s) not intended for research or resale)

4.3.3 For the birds which were derived from a farm/commercial premise, the farm/commercial premise shall be free from *Salmonella pullorum*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Salmonella gallinarum* and *Salmonella enteritidis*; and in the case of duck also free from *duck viral enteritis* and *duck viral hepatitis* in the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export.

4.3.4 The birds were continuously resident in the country of origin since the last 2 months and originated from farm/premise under close supervision and regularly monitored by the Government Veterinary Authority for the last six (6) months preceding export.

4.3.5 All birds imported into Malaysia will be subjected to pre -export quarantine for a period of minimum 21 days in registered farm/premise and regularly monitored by the Government Veterinary Authority.

4.3.6 During the last 30 days immediately preceding export, the imported birds shall be subjected to sampling with negative results of:

1. 10% of the birds with a minimum of 30 samples or;
2. if the quantity of the imported birds is below 30, the samples shall be taken individually from each animal;

for the following diseases:

- b) Avian influenza by virus isolation or PCR;
- c) Newcastle disease by virus isolation or PCR;

the laboratory test results shall be accompanied with veterinary health certificate for shipment to Malaysia.

4.3.7 There were no clinical or serological evidence of avian chlamydiosis, avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis, avian mycoplasmosis, and infectious bursal disease detected on the farm/premise and flock of origin of the birds, or reported within the area of 50 km radius surrounding the farm/premise of origin since the last six (6) months preceding to export.

4.3.8 The animals have been examined prior to export and found to be healthy, free of clinical signs of infectious diseases and external parasites and were fit to travel.

4.3.9 The container or cage used to transport the birds for export to Malaysia have been disinfected in compliance with sanitary measures and comply with animal welfare requirements adopted by the Government Veterinary Authority. The container or cage is seal by the veterinary authority / quarantine officer at the airport or port of embarkation, immediately prior to departure.

5.0 Transportation and Landing

5.1 Each consignment of birds 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

5.2 Once inside the aircraft or vessel, the crates and the cabin or compartments shall be sprayed with an approved insecticide immediately before the doors of the cabin or compartments are closed to ensure that the animals, crates and other associated materials are free from insects.

6.0 Quarantine in Malaysia

- 6.1 All ornamental birds, wild birds and pet birds imported into Malaysia will be subjected to quarantine for a period of minimum 14 days in MAQIS quarantine at KLIA and Batu Maung.
- 6.2 During the quarantine period, the birds will be inspected from time to time and may be subjected to certain laboratory health tests as deemed required.
- 6.3 In the case if any of the bird showed signs of infectious or contagious diseases, the competent authority reserves the right to destroy the whole birds in the consignment/flock.

7.0 Sampling

Samples of the animals shall be taken by the MAQIS enforcement officers in charge at the point of entry in Malaysia for testing as and when deemed necessary

8.0 Other conditions

An approval shall be obtained from the Director General of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks Peninsular Malaysia as may be required under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), prior to issuance of the import permit.

9.0 Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of birds from any countries either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above requirements.

10.0 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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