

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS FROM AUSTRALIA INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Dogs and cats
- B. Country of Export : Australia
- C. Purpose : Companion/working/breeding
- D. Requirement for importation:

### **1. Import Permit**

- 1.1. The consignment of animal(s) shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such animal(s) into Malaysia.
- 1.2. The approval to get the import permit is also subjected to the breed of the animals (refer to clause no 6: List of Banned/Restricted Breeds of Dogs and cats and clause no 7: Conditions for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breeds of Dogs).

### **2. Description of Animal**

- 2.1. The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by an animal passport or certificate containing a full description and identification of the animals.
- 2.2. The animal shall be identified using an ISO (Std 11784 & 11785) compliant microchip implanted under the skin except with starting number 999.

### **3. Veterinary Certification**

The consignment of animal(s) shall be accompanied by a valid Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the competent government veterinary authority of the exporting country within seven (7) days of export certifying that: -

- 3.1 No case of rabies had been reported to have occurred in that country within two (2) years prior to export.
- 3.2 The animal has been continuously resident in the country for not less than six (6) months or since its birth and free from any clinical sign of rabies.
- 3.3 The animal has been vaccinated against rabies using rabies vaccine approved by exporting country for at least 28 days prior to export according to the rabies vaccine manufacturer's recommendation
- 3.4 The dogs/cats originated from an establishment or farm or premise where no case of Hendra virus has occurred during the last six (6) months prior to export.
- 3.5 The dogs/cats have been tested for Hendra Virus using Serum Neutralization Test (SNT) at dilution 1 in 2 with negative results, within fourteen (14) days prior to export.
- 3.6 The animals shall be vaccinated within twelve (12) months prior to export with other core vaccines (complete course) as recommended by manufacturer or license veterinarian.
- 3.7 For cats, vaccination within twelve (12) months prior to export against *Chlamydia felis*, feline calicivirus, feline panleukopenia and feline rhinotracheitis is recommended.
- 3.8 The animal has been treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export (state active ingredients and date of treatment) and with a

product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export (state active ingredients and date of treatment).

3.9 The vaccination history status, treatment given and health status of the animal is up to date.

3.10 The animal has been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease, within seven (7) days prior to export and certification, and showed no any clinical signs and fit to travel on the day of shipment.

#### **4. Transportation and Landing Place**

The animals shall be carried by aircraft direct from the above countries to the prescribed landing place or any other airport in Malaysia.

#### **5. Quarantine in Malaysia**

Upon arrival the animal shall be placed in quarantine and detained in quarantine for compulsory period of not less fourteen (14) days. The animal will be released if found to be free of any evidence of infection. However, where deemed necessary the quarantine period can be extended based on risk assessment on a case-to-case basis.

#### **6. List of Banned / Restricted Breed of Dogs and Cats**

##### **6.1. Restricted Breed of Dogs (Including their crosses)**

*All the restricted breed are not allowed for breeding purpose. Any Breed that is not listed which have potential risk will be evaluated and determined by DVS Malaysia to consider for approval.*

- 6.1.1. Bull Mastiff
- 6.1.2. Bull Terrier
- 6.1.3. Doberman
- 6.1.4. German Shepard/Alsatian including Belgian Shepard and East European Shepard
- 6.1.5. Rottweiler
- 6.1.6. Cane Corso

##### **6.2. Banned Breed of Dogs (Including their crosses)**

*Any Breed that is not listed which have potential risk will be evaluated and determined by DVS Malaysia to consider for approval.*

- 6.2.1. Akita
- 6.2.2. Dogo Argentino
- 6.2.3. Fila Brasileiro
- 6.2.4. American Bulldog
- 6.2.5. Tosa
- 6.2.6. Neapolitan Mastiff
- 6.2.7. Boerboel
- 6.2.8. Perro de Presa Canario (also known as Canary Dog)
- 6.2.9. Pit Bull Terrier / Pit Bull (also known as American Pit Bull, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terrier)

##### **6.3 Banned Breed of Cats (Including their crosses)**

First to fourth generation Bengal or Savannah cat and its crosses

*\*You are required to produce documentary proof of the following before import:*

- *The Bengal cat cross at least a fifth generation cross from the ancestral stock of Prionailurus bengalensis.*
- *The Savannah cat cross at least a fifth generation cross from the ancestral stock of Leptailurus*

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## **7. Condition for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breed of Dogs**

An Approval for Importation of restricted breed of dogs (guard / service / emotional support (animal-assisted-therapy)) purpose shall be obtained in writing from the Director General of Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) subject to the following conditions, prior to application of an import permit;

### **7.1. For Working Purpose (For Uniform Body)**

- Dogs shall not be less than 9 months of age at the time of import.
- Dogs shall have a pedigree certificate issued by an approved organization in the country of export (name and address of the organization shall be specified).
- Dogs shall be implanted and identified using an ISO (Std 11784 & 11785) compliant microchip and the identification codes clearly recorded in the pedigree certificate.
- Name and address of the importer who shall be responsible for the care and handling of the dog shall be clearly stated in the application for approval.
- The premise or residence of the dog shall be inspected by the MAQIS Director to verify facilities regarding kennel, size of the compound, safety and control of the dog

### **7.2. For Personal Purpose (Guard/Animal Assisted therapy/ Emotional Support):**

- Dogs shall not be less than 9 months of age at the time of import
- Dogs shall have a pedigree certificate issued by an approved organization in the country of export (name and address of the organization shall be specified).
- Dogs shall be implanted with and identified using an ISO (Std 11784 & 11785) compliant microchip and the identification codes clearly recorded in the pedigree certificate.
- Name and address of the importer who shall be responsible for the care and handling of the dog shall be clearly stated in the application for approval.
- The premise or residence of the dog shall be inspected by the MAQIS Director to verify facilities regarding kennel, size of the compound, safety and control of the dog.

### **7.3. The importer shall provide a written declaration that the dog**

- is licensed with proof of documents by local council
- is neutered
- is a personal pet and not intended for sale (Importation of restricted breeds of dogs is allowed as a personal pet of the importer or for security purpose only)
- shall be kept secured within the compound at all times
- shall be kept on a leash and muzzled at all times in public area
- shall be under the control of a trained and skilled handler at all times (for Security Dogs)

## **8. Suspension of Import**

The Director General of Veterinary Services may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation from any countries either temporary or permanently in the event of disease outbreak or suspected disease outbreak in the countries or in the case of importation in contravention of the above requirements.

**9. Right to amend Import Requirements**

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

**Department of Veterinary Services  
Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security  
Malaysia  
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