

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CHILLED/FROZEN MEAT AND OFFAL INTO MALAYSIA

1.0 Product : Chilled/Frozen meat and offal (exclude head, pharynx, tongue, associated lymph nodes tonsil, distal ileum and other specified risk material)

2.0 Type of animal : Cattle

3.0 Purpose : Human consumption

4.0 Country of export : Russian Federation

5.0 Requirements for importation:

5.1 Import Permit

The consignment of chilled/frozen meat and offal shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) concerned permitting the importation of such meat and offal into Malaysia.

5.2 Veterinary Health Certificate

The consignment of chilled/frozen meat and offal shall be accompanied by an official Veterinary Health Certificate in English issued by competent Veterinary Authority of Russian Federation certifying that;

5.2.1 The country has been free from rift valley fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.

5.2.1.1 The farm of origin has been free from Tuberculosis and Brucellosis for the last 6 months prior to the date of slaughter.

5.2.2 The products originate from animals that have shown no sign of anthrax during ante- and post-mortem inspections; and were not vaccinated against anthrax using live vaccine during the 14 days prior to slaughter or a longer period depending on the manufacturer's recommendations; and come from establishments that are not placed under movement restrictions for the control of anthrax and where there has been no case of anthrax during the 20 days prior to slaughter.

5.2.3 The beef is derived from cattle which have been kept since birth or for at least the past three (3) months in foot and mouth disease (FMD) free zone where vaccination is practiced or not practiced.

- 5.2.4 With regard to the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) status:
- 5.2.4.1 The exporting country shall have a mandatory national cattle identification program that allows traceability of cattle.
- 5.2.4.2 The exporting country shall have the regulations prohibiting the feeding of ruminant origin MBM, greaves and specified risk material (SRM) are banned from all animal feed.
- 5.2.4.3 The sources of beef is from cattle originated from establishment or farm that the feed has been certified and monitored by Veterinary Authority of the exporting country for their source of animal feed used and consumed by the animal not contaminated with any meat and bone meal, greaves and required SRM.
- 5.2.4.4 The sources of beef is from cattle that have been kept since birth in a farm where no case of BSE has been reported for the last seven (7) years and were certified healthy at the time of slaughter.
- 5.2.4.5 The exported beef shall not include head with brains, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column, mechanically separated meat from the skull and vertebra column.
- 5.2.4.6 Cattle from which the fresh meat and meat products destined for export were derived were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process;
- 5.2.4.7 The carcasses were processed in compliance sanitary conditions and that all specific risk material (SRM) such as the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia (nerves attached to the brain), eyes, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia (nerves attached to the spinal cord), vertebral column and tonsils and the distal ileum are removed from the slaughtered animal in such a manner that it does not contaminate the beef exported into Malaysia.
- 5.2.5 Slaughtering, cutting and evisceration were carried out at the abattoir approved by the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), Malaysia; (the name, address and establishment number of the abattoir must be clearly stated in the certificate).
- 5.2.6 Prior to slaughter, the cattle have been examined (ante-mortem inspection) and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
- 5.2.7 The slaughtered cattle were subjected to post-mortem meat examination and found free from any infectious or contagious diseases lesion in accordance to Standard Meat Inspection procedures of the exporting country.
- 5.2.8 The meat and offal have met microbiological standards of Malaysia and free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues.

- 5.2.9 The carcasses have been eviscerated, dressed and held in the chiller at a temperature greater than +2°C for a minimum period of 24 hours following slaughter and in which the pH value was less than 6.0 when tested in the middle of both the longissimus dorsi muscle at the approved abattoir.
- 5.2.10 The meat and offal have been packed hygienically using new packaging material and labelled indicating the name, address, establishment number of the approved abattoir and stamped with the batch number and date of slaughter.
- 5.2.11 The packed meat and offal were stored under sanitary conditions at chilled temperature of 0°C - 4°C or frozen at the temperature of at least -18°C at the approved abattoir.
- 5.2.12 Every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives/coloring matters or other foreign substances injurious to health and that the meat and offal are fit for human consumption.

5.3 Halal Certification

- 5.3.1 The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by Halal Certification Body recognized by JAKIM confirming that the slaughter of the animals has been done according to the Malaysian Protocol for Halal Meat and Poultry Production. Adequate precautions have been taken to prevent mixing with non halal conformance carcasses during slaughtering, deboning, chilling, freezing, packaging, storing, transportation and all other acts in connection with handling and consignment.
- 5.3.2 The certificate contains details of the following;
 - a. Name and address of the abattoir
 - b. Name and address of consignor or exporter
 - c. Description of animal slaughtered;
 - I. Number of animal slaughtered
 - II. Date of slaughter
 - III. Date of dispatch
 - IV. Quantity of meat

5.4 Labelling Requirement

The inner and outer packaging of the product must be labelled with logo of registered Islamic Organisation in the Russian Federation that has been approved by Malaysian Authority. The name, address, establishment number of the abattoir, batch number and date of slaughter must also be labelled in the packaging.

Halal product shall be identified and segregated in complete packaging, from non-Halal conformance product.

6.0 Transportation and Landing

- 6.1 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for the transportation of the meat and offal must be in hygienic conditions.
- 6.2 The storage for meat and offal at a maximum temperature of 4°C for chilled or -18°C for frozen.
- 6.3 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for transportation is solely for halal meat and should only carry the said product.
- 6.4 Each consignment of chilled/frozen meat and offal 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

The approved abattoir shall be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) and Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) at any time as and when deemed necessary.

8.0 Sampling

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

9.0 Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the meat and offal 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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