

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF POULTRY MEAT INTO PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND THE TERRITORY OF LABUAN

A. Product : Poultry meat
Chicken (frozen chicken meat, cuts, and parts), excluding green offal, head, and feet)

B. Country of Export: : China

C. Purpose : Human consumption

D. Requirements for Importation:

1. Definitions

1.1 Compartment

Means an animal subpopulation contained in one or more establishments under a common biosecurity management system with a distinct health status concerning a specific disease for which surveillance, control, and biosecurity measures have been applied to **international trade**.

The area designated for the size of the compartment is 50km radius.

1.2 Outbreak

Means the occurrence of one or more cases (appearance of clinical signs, detection of specific antigens, or identification of the pathogens of disease in domestic poultry) in an epidemiological unit.

2. Import Permit

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

3. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of products shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate in English issued by the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country certifying that;

- 3.1. The country or part of the country, province or region, or compartment that has been continuously free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), following the completion of a ninety (90)-day stamping-out policy, which includes the cleaning and disinfection of the last affected premises where susceptible animals were kept. The epizootic surveillance was carried out with negative results, demonstrating the absence of avian influenza virus circulation.
- 3.2. No vaccination is permitted for HPAI in the approved regions or compartments where the poultry meat originated.
- 3.3. The country or approved regions have been monitored free from Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) notifiable according to the WOAHP Terrestrial Code (except for avian influenza cases in wild birds) and Newcastle disease for the past twelve (12) months prior to export;
- 3.4. The poultry was derived from a registered farm which is accredited to be free from *Salmonella pullorum*, *Salmonella gallinarum*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, and *Salmonella enteritidis* for the past twelve (12) months prior to the date of export;
- 3.5. No natural or synthetic hormones or other growth promoters permitted in the rearing of the chickens.

- 3.6. The registered farm shall have a control and monitoring program for avian infectious laryngotracheitis, avian mycoplasmosis (*M.gallisepticum*, *M.synoviae*), and fowl cholera. Such programs must be under continuous supervision by the Government Veterinary Authority of China.
- 3.7. The chicken shall be sourced from farms located in the Avian influenza (AI) free compartment approved by DVS and under supervision by the veterinary authority of the exporting country.
- 3.8 All birds' activity premises located within a 50km radius of the supplying farm must also be free from Avian Influenza Viruses.
- 3.9 The chicken was subjected to antemortem and post-mortem inspection and was found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases at the time of slaughter.
- 3.10 The chicken was slaughtered and processed in an approved slaughtering and processing plant (the name, address and establishment number of the slaughtering and processing plant as well as the slaughter date and date of production must be clearly stated in the certificate) which has been approved for export by the DVS, Malaysia and has been under continuous supervision of the Government Veterinary Authority of China.
- 3.11 The poultry meat has met the microbiological standards of Malaysia and is free from pathogens, other harmful contaminants, and residues of nitrofurans.
- 3.12 Every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination that is injurious to health and that the frozen poultry meat to be exported to Malaysia is safe and fit for human consumption.
- 3.13 The frozen poultry meat is not treated with chemical preservatives or other foreign substances injurious to health.
- 3.14 The frozen poultry meat was destined for export to Malaysia and was meant to be sold for consumption in Malaysia.

4. Traceability

The establishment must implement a traceability system that can trace the source of the farm supplying the chicken. which is from the approved compartment.

5. Halal

- 5.1 The consignment of products shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued or endorsed, and signed by the authorized personnel of the registered Islamic Organization in China, which has been approved by the Malaysian Authority, certifying that:

The slaughtering process of the poultry has been done according to Muslim rites, and all slaughtering, processing, cooking, storing, transportation, and all other acts in connection with the handling and shipment of the halal poultry products have been done separately from the other species of animals.

- 5.1. The certificate shall contain details of the following:

- 6.1.1. Name and address of the slaughtering and processing establishment
- 6.1.2. Name and address of consignor or exporter
- 6.1.3. Description of the products:
 - Name of products
 - Date of slaughter
 - Quantity of item

6. Transportation and Landing Place

6.1 The refrigerated vehicle/ container used for the transportation of poultry carcasses or parts must be in hygienic conditions and at a temperature of -18°C for frozen.

6.2 The refrigerated vehicle/ container used for transportation is solely for halal products and should only carry the said product

7. Inspection at the Point of Entry in Malaysia

7.1. All official documents required under this importation shall be surrendered for verification to the Director General or the State Director of Veterinary Services Malaysia or MAQIS officer on arrival at the point of entry in Malaysia.

7.2. The consignment of products shall be subjected to *Hold-Test-Release* (HTR) for random sampling upon arrival at the entry point. Testing for Avian Influenza (AI) and Newcastle (ND) Disease will be conducted. Detection of positive results of AI or/ and ND from the samples will result in strict rejection and refusal of entry of the consignment into Malaysia.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. All applications for the importation of frozen poultry meat into Malaysia shall be made by completing the DVS application form for the compartment, establishment, and Halal application form for adequacy audit.

8.2. MAQIS has the right to reject, destroy, or further detain any consignment when deemed necessary. The disposal process shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions outlined under Act 728 and P.U. (A) 115/2013 – Fees and Charges Order.

8.3. The compartment establishment intended for export into Malaysia shall be subjected to inspection before approval. The inspection will be carried out by official authorities from the Department of Veterinary Services and the Islamic Affairs Department of Malaysia.

8.4. The approved compartment and establishment will be subjected to re-inspection (review) by the respective authorities when deemed necessary. The Malaysian authorities have the right to either retain or withdraw the approval status from the registration.

8.5. The consignment of product shall comply with all applicable laws and with all directives, orders, requirements, and instructions given by any authority competent to do so under any applicable law in Malaysia.

8.6. Complying with this import requirement does not exempt the imported consignments from other requirements set by other Malaysian competent authorities.

9. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia may, at any time when deemed necessary, suspend the importation of the products 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. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to amend the above regulations as he may deem necessary.