

**REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF CAPRINE/OVINE SEMEN  
FROM CANADA INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal Species : Goat and Sheep
- B. Product : Semen (Frozen or chilled)
- C. Exporting Countries : Canada
- 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 Canada (CFIA).
- 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. Canada is officially free of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever, sheep and goat pox, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, Nairobi sheep disease and brucellosis (*B.abortus* and *B.melitensis*)
- 2.3.2. The donor animals have resided in Canada for at least 90 days prior to the collection of destined for export.
- 2.3.3. The donor animals have been resident of a semen collection centre approve by the CFIA for a minimum of 30 days preceding the collection of semen destined for export.
- 2.3.4. The farms of origin of resident animals were not subject to any quarantine measures and have been confirmed free of pulmonary adenomatosis, bluetongue, scrapie and other communicable diseases preceding arrival of resident animals at the semen production centre.
- 2.3.5. The semen production centre is under supervision of a Canada Food Inspection agency official veterinarian.
- 2.3.6. The semen production centre is under the control and direct supervision of a centre veterinarian employed by the centre.
- 2.3.7. The semen production centre is physically separated from other livestock establishment.

- 2.3.8. The semen production centre is free of brucellosis and tuberculosis in accordance with Canadian standards.
- 2.3.9. The semen production centre is only allowed to select for entry donor animals which have been previously tested negative on the farm of origin for the following disease: tuberculosis, brucellosis (*B.melitensis*), *Brucella ovis* (for sheep only), leptospirosis, paratuberculosis (Johne's disease), bluetongue, maedi-visna (for sheep only) and CAE (for goat only).
- 2.3.10. After a minimum of 30 day pre-entry quarantine period in an isolation premises maintained by the semen production centre, all animal were retest negative for the disease mentioned in article 2.3.9 above under the control of an official veterinarian.
- 2.3.11. The resident donor animals are examined routinely by the center veterinarian and no clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases have been seen at the moment of collection of semen destined for export.
- 2.3.12. The resident donor animals were tested every six months following entry in the semen collection centre for the following diseases as per the Canadian Artificial program:
- 2.3.12.1 tuberculosis
  - 2.3.12.2 brucellosis (*B.melitensis*)
  - 2.3.12.3 *B.ovis* (for sheep only)
  - 2.3.12.4 leptospirosis
  - 2.3.12.5 paratuberculosis (Johne's disease)
  - 2.3.12.6 bluetongue
  - 2.3.12.7 Maedi-Visna (for sheep) and CAE (for goat)
- 2.3.13. All diagnostic tests were carried out in official laboratories or laboratories approved by the CFIA.
- 2.3.14. The laboratory and the procedures used for the collection and processing of the semen destined for export were approved by the CFIA.
- 2.3.15. The semen was extended using a diluent that did not contain any pathogenic organisms and contains only approved antibiotics.
- 2.3.16. From the time of collection and until dispatch, the semen was stored at the semen production centre or other facilities approved by the CFIA.
- 2.4. The container was sealed and the number or mark on the seal recorded on the certificate prior to export.

### **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 Canada either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in Canada 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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