

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN DEBONED & DEGLANDED BUFFALO MEAT FROM INDIA**

- A. Product : Frozen Deboned & Deglanded Buffalo Meat
- B. Country : India
- C. Purpose : Human consumption
- D. Regulations for importation :

### **1. Import Permit**

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

### **2. Veterinary health certification**

The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by an official Veterinary Health Certificate in English dated within seven (7) days of export issued by competent Veterinary Authority of the India certifying that ;

- 2.1 Animals for slaughter were sourced from holding yards certified to be free from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Rinderpest, Anthrax and other infectious and contagious disease by the competent veterinary authority of India. The animals for slaughter has been resident in the approved holding yards for a period of not less than two weeks.
- 2.2 Prior to slaughter, the animal have been examined (ante-mortem inspections) and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of foot and mouth disease and other infectious or contagious diseases.
- 2.3 The carcass were subjected to post mortem meat examinations and found to be free from foot and mouth disease and any other infectious or contagious diseases lesion in accordance to standard meat inspection procedures of the exporting country.
- 2.4 The carcasses have been deboned and deglanded under sanitary conditions that all lymph nodes and diaphragm have been excluded.
- 2.5 The meat is free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues
- 2.6 Every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives/ colouring matters or other foreign substances which is injurious to health to ensure the meat is fit for human consumption.
- 2.7 The carcasses have been eviscerated, dressed and held in the chiller at a temperature of 0°C-4°C for a minimum period of 24 (twenty four) hours at the approved abattoir.
- 2.8 The packed meat were stored under sanitary conditions at temperature of at least -18°C for frozen temperature at the approved abattoir.
- 2.9 The meat have been packed hygienically using new packaging material and labelled with the approved establishment name, address, number and stamped with the batch number, date of slaughter and expiry date.
- 2.10 Slaughtering, cutting, processing, packaging and storage were carried out at the abattoir approved by Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia. (name, address

and establishment number of the approved abattoir must be clearly stated in the certificate).

### **3. Halal Certification**

The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by HALAL Organization body recognized by JAKIM, certifying that the slaughter of the buffalo has been done according to Muslim rites and that all slaughtering, chilling, freezing, storing, transportation and all other acts in connection with handling and consignment have been done separately from the other species of animals.

3.1 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;
  - Number of animal slaughtered
  - Date of slaughter
  - Date of Dispatch
  - Quantity of meat

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

4.1 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for the transportation of the meat must be in hygienic conditions and at frozen temperature of -18°C.

4.2 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for transportation is solely for halal meat and should only carry the said product.

4.3 Each consignment of meat 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. Abattoir inspection**

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

### **6. Disease outbreak and contravention of regulations**

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia may at anytime when deemed necessary refuse entry of the imported meat in the event of disease outbreak or in the case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

### **7. Suspension of Import**

The Director General of Veterinary Services or the State Director of Veterinary Services Malaysia may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the meat from India either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

### **8. Right to Amend Import Regulations**

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

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