

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF WOOL, HAIR AND BRISTLES INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Products : Wool, Hair and Bristles
- B. Country of Export : Any Country
- C. Purpose : Industrial use
- D. Conditions for Import

### **1. Import Permit**

All consignments of wool, hair or bristles imported into Malaysia shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such products into Peninsular Malaysia.

### **2. Veterinary Certification**

All consignment of wool, hair or bristles imported into Malaysia shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated within seven (7) days of import issued or endorsed by a competent veterinary authority of the country of export certifying that ;

- 2.1. The country or part of country or state/district of origin has been free from foot and mouth disease, anthrax, peste des petits ruminant, lumpy skin disease, sheep/goat pox and swine fever for the past six (6) months immediately prior to export.
- 2.2. The wool, hair or bristles were originates from animals that, at the time of shearing, were part of a flock that was not subject to movement restrictions for the control of Anthrax.
- 2.3. For wool, hair, bristles from FMD susceptible animals, these products have been processed to ensure the destruction of FMDV in accordance with one of the procedures;
  - 2.3.1. industrial washing, which consists of the immersion of the wool in a series of baths of water, soap and sodium hydroxide (soda) or potassium hydroxide (potash) **or**
  - 2.3.2. Chemical depilation by means of slaked lime or sodium sulphate **or**
  - 2.3.3. Fumigation in formaldehyde in a hermetically sealed container or chamber for at least 24 hours.
  - 2.3.4. Industrial scouring which consists of the immersion of wool in a water-soluble detergent held at 60-70°C;
  - 2.3.5. Storage of wool at 4°C for four months, 18°C for four weeks or 37°C for eight days.
- 2.4. In the case of bristles, that the bristles have undergone the following treatment ; boiling for at least one hour; or immersion for at least 24 hours in a 1% aqueous solution of formaldehyde.

### **3. Transportation and Landing Place**

Each consignment of wool, hair or bristles imported into Malaysia shall be transported either by ship or aircraft or any conveyance direct to the prescribed landing place/port in Malaysia.

### **4. Inspection at the Point of Entry in Malaysia**

- 4.1. All official documents for the consignments of wool, hair or bristles imported into Malaysia shall be surrendered to MAQIS Officer in charged for veterinary inspection upon arrival at designated port of disembarkation in Malaysia.
- 4.2. The veterinary authority may, subject to his professional judgement collect samples of wool, hair or bristles for laboratory tests; destroy or further detained any consignment of wool, hair or bristles when deemed required.

#### **5. Other Conditions**

- 5.1. The farm and/or plant of origin may be subjected to veterinary inspection by the officials from the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia as and when deemed necessary.
- 5.2. In the case if the plant failed to comply with the International Standard of GMP and GQC, the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia has the right to withdraw the approval status of the plant or to stop the import of wool, hair or bristles from the plant concerned.

#### **6. Suspension of Import**

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importations 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.

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

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

**Department of Veterinary Services  
Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry  
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