

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Animal : Dogs and Cats
- B. Country of Export : 1. Scheduled Rabies Countries
(United Kingdom, Eire, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Japan, Sweden and Brunei)
2. Non-scheduled Rabies Countries
(Other countries except Australia)
- C. Purpose : Companion / Working / Breeding
- D. Regulations for Importation :

1. Import Permit

- 1.1. The consignment of animal(s) shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such animal(s) into Malaysia.
- 1.2. For dog(s), the approval to get the import permit is subjected to the dog breed (refer to clause no 6: List of Banned/Restricted Breeds of Dog and clause no 7: Conditions for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breeds of Dogs)

2. Description of Animal

- 2.1. The consignment of animal(s) shall be accompanied by a valid pet passport or certificate containing a full description or identification of the animal(s) concerned.
- 2.2. The animal(s) shall be identified using an ISO (MS11784 & MS11785) microchip / transponder.

3. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animal(s) shall be accompanied by a valid Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the competent veterinary authority of the exporting country within seven (7) days of export certifying that ;

3.1. Rabies requirement :

- 3.1.1. The country has been free from rabies or no case of rabies had been reported to have occurred in that country within two (2) years prior to export.(for scheduled rabies countries)
- 3.1.2. No case of rabies had been reported to have occurred in the establishment / premises of origin for at least twelve (12) months prior to export.(for non-scheduled countries)
- 3.1.3. The animal has been continuously resident in the country for not less than six (6) months or since its birth and free from any clinical sign of rabies.
- 3.1.4. The animal has been vaccinated against rabies using an approved anti-rabies vaccine for at least three (3) month prior to export. The animal shall has a blood sample taken for rabies antibody levels for at least one (1) month after the above vaccination and within six (6) months prior to export with acceptable result of protective titre of 0.5 IU or more.
- 3.1.5. All test mentioned above shall be performed at OIE approved lab.

3.2. Other requirement :

- 3.2.1. The animals shall be vaccinated within twelve (12) months prior to export with other core vaccine (complete course) as recommended by manufacturer or license veterinarian. – The list of vaccine given stated in the certificate.
- 3.2.2. The vaccination history status, treatment given and health status of the animal is up to date.
- 3.2.3. The animal has been treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export (state active ingredients and date of treatment) and with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export (state active ingredients and date of treatment).
- 3.2.4. The animal has been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease, within seven (7) days prior to export and certification, and showed no any clinical signs and fit to travel on the day of shipment.

4. Transportation and Landing Place

The consignment of animals shall be carried by aircraft or other mean of transportation direct to the prescribed landing place or any other airport in Malaysia.

5. Quarantine in Malaysia (for non-scheduled countries)

Upon arrival the animal shall be placed in quarantine and may be vaccinated with approved anti-rabies vaccine and detained in quarantine for compulsory period of not less than fourteen (14) days. The animal will be released if found to be free of any evidence of infection. However, the randomly rabies antibody levels will be tested during the quarantine period and where deemed necessary the quarantine period can be extended up to six (6) months based on risk assessment on a case to case basis.

6. List of Banned / Restricted Breed of Dogs

6.1. Restricted Breed of Dogs

- 6.1.1. Bull Mastiff
- 6.1.2. Bull Terrier
- 6.1.3. Doberman
- 6.1.4. German Shepard/Alsatian including Belgian Shepard and East European Shepard
- 6.1.5. Perro de Presa Canario (also known as Canary Dog)
- 6.1.6. Rottweiler

6.2. Banned Breed of Dogs

- 6.2.1. Akita
- 6.2.2. American Bulldog
- 6.2.3. Dogo Argentino
- 6.2.4. Fila Brasileiro
- 6.2.5. Japanese Tosa
- 6.2.6. Neapolitan Mastiff
- 6.2.7. Pit Bull Terrier / Pit Bull (also known as American Pit Bull, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terrier)

7. Condition for the Approval of Importation of Restricted Breed of Dogs

An approval to import restricted breeds of dogs shall be obtained in writing from the Director General of Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS) subject to the following conditions, prior to application of an import permit;

- 7.1. Dogs shall not be less than 3 months of age at the time of import.
- 7.2. Dogs shall have a pedigree certificate issued by an approved organisation in the country of export (name and address of the organisation shall be specified).
- 7.3. Dogs shall be identified using an ISO (MS11784 & MS11785) microchip / transponder and the identification codes clearly recorded in the pedigree certificate.
- 7.4. Name and address of the importer who shall be responsible for the care and handling of the dog shall be clearly stated in the application for approval.
- 7.5. The premise or residence of the dog shall be inspected by the Director to verify facilities regarding kennel, size of the compound, safety and control of the dog
- 7.6. The importer shall provide a written declaration that the dog ;
 - 7.6.1. is a personal pet and not intended for sale (Importation of controlled breeds of dogs is allowed as a personal pet of the importer or for security purpose only)
 - 7.6.2. shall be kept secured within the compound at all times
 - 7.6.3. shall be kept on a leash and muzzled at all times in public area
 - 7.6.4. shall be under the control of a trained and skilled handler at all times (for Security Dogs)

8. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation from any countries either temporary or permanently in the event of disease outbreak or suspected disease outbreak in the countries or in the case of importation in contravention of the above regulation.

9. Right to amend Import Regulations

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

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