

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Product : Milk and Milk Products
- B. Country of Export : Any Country
- C. Purpose : Human consumption or animal/ pets consumption
- D. Regulations for Importation: -

### **1. Import Permit**

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

### **2. Veterinary Health Certification**

Each consignment of milk or milk products shall be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate in English dated within seven (7) days of export and signed or endorsed by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country certifying that :

- 2.1. The country of origin or part of country or province of origin has been free from foot and mouth disease and rinderpest for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export;
- 2.2. The milk or milk products were derived from herds/flocks that have been kept in the country or part of country during the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export;
- 2.3. The farm of origin have been certified free from tuberculosis and brucellosis;
- 2.4. The animals were found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious diseases (including ectoparasites) at the time of milking;
- 2.5. The milk or milk products were processed and packed in a plant that has been approved for export by the competent authority of the exporting country (the name, address and establishment number of the plant as well as batch/lot number and date of production must be clearly stated in the certificate);
- 2.6. The milk or milk products were processed, packed and stored under sanitary condition and do not contain any preservative, colouring matter, residue or any foreign substance or harmful material injurious to health including melamine and that every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination during the processing, packing, storing and handling prior to export;
- 2.7. For the milk or cream intended for human consumption, the milk used has been treated by ultra high temperature (UHT) at a minimum of 132°C for at least 1 second or by simple high temperature short time pasteurisation (HTST) at 72 °C for at least 15 seconds for milk with pH less than 7.0 or double HTST for milk with pH 7 or over.
- 2.8. For milk intended for animal consumption, the milk shall be subject to either double HTST or in case of simple HTST or UHT, this was combined with either physical treatment to maintain pH 6 for at least 1 hour or additional heating to at least 72 °C combined with desiccation.
- 2.9. Milk or milk products intended for human consumption are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

2.10. Necessary precaution has been taken to prevent contamination of milk or milk products with pathogens.

### **3. Halal Certification**

For milk and milk products intended for human consumption, the consignment of milk and milk products shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by the authorized personnel of the registered Islamic Organization in the exporting country that has been approved by Malaysian Authority.

### **4. Labeling of the Products**

4.1. The milk and milk products shall be clearly labeled with following ;

- 4.1.1. Name address and establishment no. of the manufacturer
- 4.1.2. Batch / lot number
- 4.1.3. Date of production
- 4.1.4. Date of expiry
- 4.1.5. Storage conditions

4.2. Milk or milk products intended for purposes other than for human consumption should be clearly identified and labeled (in RED) as "unfit for human consumption" or "not for human consumption" or "for animal use only" or "animal feeds" or "stock feeds".

### **5. Transportation & Landing Place**

Each consignment of milk or milk products imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia.

### **6. Other Conditions**

6.1. Samples of milk and milk products shall be taken by the officers in charge at the point of entry in Malaysia for testing as and when deemed necessary.

6.2. The processing or packing plant shall be subject to inspection and accreditation by the DVS, Malaysia prior to approval when deemed necessary. All costs incurred shall be borne by the importer.

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

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deemed necessary, suspend importation of the products from any countries 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 shall amend the above regulations at any time, as he may deem necessary.

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