

**EMPOWERED UNDER SECTION 9 (1) OF THE
VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE 1999**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF COOKED OR HEAT-PROCESSED POULTRY PRODUCTS
FROM WEST MALAYSIA AND SABAH INTO SARAWAK, MALAYSIA
(Effective 3 April 2023)**

- A. Animal product : Cooked, heat-processed and hermitically sealed (canned) products
- B. Country of export : West Malaysia and Sabah
- C. For the purpose of : Human Consumption
- D. Regulation for Importation: -

1) Import Permit

Each consignment of animal products shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak permitting entry into Sarawak, Malaysia.

- 2) **The processing plants** must be accredited under the **Veterinary Health Mark** accreditation programme.
- 3) **The Establishment number** and **Name of processing plants** must be clearly stamped on every carton.

4) Packing and Labelling

- a) The individual packing must bear the following: -
- i) Establishment Number, name and Address of processing plant or manufacturer.
 - ii) Veterinary Health Mark (VHM) logo.
 - iii) Date of Packing and Best Before (expiry date)

5) Veterinary Health Certification

Each consignment of cooked and heat-processed poultry products shall be accompanied by the following certificates dated within thirty (30) days of import:-

- a) Halal Certificate issued by Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia certifying that the products are halal are fit for consumption of Muslims.
- b) Veterinary Health Certificate signed by competent veterinary officer of the Department of Veterinary Services certifying that:-
 - i) the products were derived from farms in which no case of infectious or contagious disease notifiable in the country of export has been diagnosed for the preceding six (6) months prior to the date of export;
 - ii) the cooked and heat-processed poultry products were derived from animals that have been subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and were found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease at the time of slaughter;
 - iii) the cooked and heat-processed poultry products were processed, packed and stored under sanitary condition and do not contain any preservative or colouring matter not permitted under the Food Act, 1983 and Food Regulations, 1985 and residue or any foreign substance or harmful material injurious to health and that every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination during processing, packing, storing and handling prior to export;
 - iv) the products have been subjected to a heat treatment process to reach a minimum core temperature of the products as follow:
 - (1) 70°C for minimum of 30 minutes or
 - (2) 75°C for minimum of 5 minutes or
 - (3) 80°C for minimum of 1 minutes or
 - (4) 170°C for minimum of 30 seconds.
 - v) the cooked and heat-processed poultry products are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

6) Meat Safety and Quality

- a) All meat must be acceptable quality and meet microbiological standards of Food Act, 1983 and Food Regulations, 1985 and free from pathogens such as *Salmonella spp.*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Listeria enterocolitica* and other harmful contaminants and residues.
- b) For cooked meat products ready for consumption, excluding meat and meat products in hermetically sealed containers, the microbiological limits as stated below should be negative for *Salmonella spp.*, *Campylobacter jenuni*, *Listeria monocytogenes*:-

Food & Food Products	Types of Tests	Microbiological Standard	Criteria Used
Meat & Mutton Products	Coliform	< 50 MPN/gm	Food Act 1983 / Food Regulations 1985
	E. coli	< 3 MPN/gm	
	Staph. aureus	< 3 MPN/gm	

7) **Testing on arrival.**

- a) The consignment may be subjected to sampling and testing upon declaration.

8) **Transportation**

- a) Each consignment of heat-processed poultry products or parts imported into Sarawak, Malaysia shall be carried by ship, aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing in place in Sarawak, Malaysia.

9) **Surrender of Official Documents in Sarawak.**

- a) Upon arrival in Sarawak, Malaysia all official documents required under each importation shall be surrendered for verification to the State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak or to any authorized officer assigned by State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak.

10) **Amendments**

- a) The State Veterinary Authority reserves the right to amend rules and regulations pertaining to the import of said products into Sarawak if there are changes in Sarawak's import policy, or for any reason, as and when deemed necessary.

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