

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

**REGULATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF OTHER ANIMALS
INTO THE STATE OF SARAWAK, MALAYSIA.
(Effective 3 April 2023)**

- A. Animal** : Any other animal / birds
- B. Place of export** : West Malaysia, Sabah and any countries
- C. Purpose** : Zoo display or pets

D. Regulations for the importation: -

1. Import Permit

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

2. Description of animal

The consignment of any other animals or birds shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals or birds.

3. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of any other animals or birds shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent veterinary officer of the Government of the exporting country certifying that:

- a. the any other animals or birds were found to be clinically healthy and free from signs of any infectious or contagious disease at the time of inspection prior to export.
- b. the any other animals or birds have not been in contact with or exposed to any animal or bird suffering from any infectious / communicable disease within thirty (30) days preceding the date of inspection, prior to the of export.
- c. the country or part of country or zone / area of origin has been free from Foot and Mouth Disease, , Anthrax, Fowl Plague (Pathogenic Avian Influenza), Velogenic Newcastle Disease, Contagious Bovine/Caprine Pleuropneumonia, Africa Swine Fever, African Horse Sickness and Rabies for the past twelve (12) months prior to the date of export.
- d. the any other animals or birds were originated from areas or premises where there has been no clinical evidence of animal or bird diseases as mentioned below in the preceding six (6) months of export: -
 - i. Bovine : Malignant Catarrhal Fever, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Johne's Disease
 - ii. Ovine / Caprine : Caseous Lymphadenitis, Melioidosis and Brucellosis
 - iii. Equine : Equine Encephalomyelitis and Glanders
 - iv. Avian : Pullorum, Viral Enteritis & Hepatitis and Infectious Laryngotracheitis.
 - v. Canine / Feline : Distemper and Panleukopenia
 - vi. Primate : Tuberculosis
 - vii. Multiple Species: Rabies, Leptospirosis and Melioidosis

4. Transportation and Landing Place

- a. the consignment of animals shall be carried by ship or aircraft direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port or in Sarawak.
- b. no domesticated animals or birds other than the approved consignments were permitted on board the ship/aircraft.
- c. fodder or bedding was taken on board the ship/aircraft other than the port or airport of embarkation of the animals or birds. The fodder or bedding must be fumigated before being taken on board and the fumigation must be approved and certified by the Quarantine Officer of the exporting country.

5. Quarantine in Sarawak

- a. Upon arrival in Sarawak, the animals or birds shall be quarantine for a period of not less than 30 clear days at the approved quarantine station(s). The first day begin counted after the last animal/bird has been admitted; all animals may be released on the 31st day. The movement cost will be borne by importer.
- b. The animals or birds released from the quarantine station(s) shall be moved to the approved destination or premises under the veterinary supervision.

6. Other Conditions

- a. A signed declaration by the importer;
 - i. giving the history, origin and description of all the animals or birds (species, age, sex, colour, identification mark etc.);
 - ii. the point of entry and expected date of arrival.
 - iii. that the animals or birds are brought to Malaysia only for the purpose of exhibition in the zoo in the country or as pets.
- b. Shall any outbreak of major epizootic disease occur on board the ship or aircraft, animals or birds shall be returned to the country of origin or destroyed and disposed appropriately.
- c. If any of the animals or birds shows sign of any infectious or contagious disease, the animals or birds shall be treated or destroyed in whatever manner, the State Veterinary Authority thinks fit and the importer/owner shall not be entitled to any compensation for the loss sustained by such treatment or destruction in line of Section 14 of the Ordinance.
- d. The State Veterinary Authority shall be informed as soon as possible of the date and time of arrival of the animals or birds.
- e. Approval must first be obtained for the importation of any endangered species from the competent officer of the Sarawak Forestry Corporation under CITES

7. Suspension of Import

The State Veterinary Authority may at any time when deem necessary suspend importation of the product from any country either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreak or suspected disease outbreak or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

8. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The State Veterinary Authority may amend the above regulations at any time as he may deem necessary.

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