

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

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS INTO SARAWAK, MALAYSIA  
(Effective 3 April 2023)**

- A. Animal : Dogs and Cats  
B. Country of export : West Malaysia, Sabah and other countries  
C. Purpose : Rearing / companion animal

**D. REGULATION FOR IMPORTATION**

**1) Import Licence**

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak permitting the import of such animals into Sarawak, Malaysia.

**2) Animal Identification and Vaccination Certificate**

- a) Animal must be of age three (3) months and above;
- b) Dogs and cats must be identified by a microchip that can be read by Trovanâ, Destronâ or other ISO compatible reader.
- c) The health certificate, certification on rabies, vaccination and test (if any), and related other document must bear the identification microchip number that has been implanted.
- d) The core vaccination certificate must also bear the details (name of veterinarian, name and address of veterinary practice.
- e) **The animal(s) must not be pregnant.**

**3) Veterinary Health Certification**

- a) The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by the following documents:
- b) Veterinary Health Certificate issued by competent Government Veterinary Officer of the country of origin certifying:
  - i) that the animals have been examined within the seven days immediately and found to be free from rabies infection and any clinical sign of infections or contagious diseases of dogs or cats.
  - ii) the animal had been vaccinated against Rabies with killed anti rabies vaccine.

**4) Quarantine in Sarawak.**

**a) Rabies infected country/regions**

Upon arrival the animal(s) will be placed in quarantine as table below and may be subject to tests for diseases and antibody status.

If the last Rabies vaccination with killed vaccine is done less than twelve (12) months but more than six (6) months before export, quarantine period will be based on the rabies titre as below.

Rabies titre	Quarantine requirement
< 0.5 iu/ml	Fourteen (14) days
>0.5 iu/ml	No quarantine
Rabies vaccinated but titre unknown	Thirty (30) days

**b) West Malaysia, Labuan F. T., Sabah, Singapore**

Upon arrival the animal(s) will undergo 14 days quarantine. However, quarantine may be waived if the animal has been vaccinated with rabies vaccine prior to export and rabies titre is >0.5iu/ml.

**c) Rabies free country/regions (United Kingdom, Eire, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Sweden and Brunei.)**

No quarantine required.

**5) Breeds of dogs and its crosses not allowed to be imported into Sarawak.**

- a) American Pit Bull
- b) American Staffordshire Terrier
- c) Staffordshire Terrier
- d) American Bulldog
- e) Japanese Tosa (Tosa-Inu, Tosa-Ken)

- f) Akita Inu (Japanese Akita, Akita, Great Japanese Dog)
- g) Neapolitan Mastiff
- h) Fila Brasileiro
- i) Dogo Argentino
- j) Russo-European Laika
- k) Owtcharka
- l) Canary Dog
- m) Tibetan Mastiff
- n) Kai Dog

**6) Fee and cost of testing**

- i) The following fee is payable for each consignment of dogs and cats imported into Malaysia: -
- ii) Import Licence : RM5 per head
- iii) Quarantine Fee : RM5 for dog  
RM3 for cat
- iv) Costs related to testing for Rabies titre if so required will be borne by the owner.

**7) Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result in the animal(s) being detained on arrival and placed under quarantine or re-export at the importer expense.**

**8) Amendments**

The State Veterinary Authority reserves the right to amend or revise further the rules and regulations pertaining to the import of dog or cat into Sarawak, if there are changes in Sarawak's import policy or for any other reason, as and when deemed necessary.

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