

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

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATING OF COOKED OR HEAT-PROCESSED BEEF OR MUTTON  
PRODUCTS FROM WEST MALAYSIA AND SABAH INTO THE STATE OF SARAWAK, MALAYSIA  
(Effective from 3 April 2023)**

- A. Animal : Cooked and Heat-processed beef or mutton 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 cooked and heat-processed beef or mutton 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 cartoon.

**4. Packing and Labelling**

a. The individual packing must bear the following: -

- i. Establishment Number, name and Address of processing plant or manufacturer.
- ii. Name and address of importer.
- iii. Veterinary Health Mark (VHM) logo.
- iv. Date of Packing and Best Before

**5. Veterinary Health Certification**

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

- a. Halal Certificate issued by Jabatan Agama Islam Negeri certifying that the products are halal are fit for Muslim consumption.
- b. Veterinary Health Certificate signed by competent veterinary officer of the Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia 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 preceeding six (6) months prior to the date of export;
  - ii. the cooked and heat-processed beef or mutton 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 beef or mutton 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 Regulation, 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 beef or mutton products are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

**6. Meat Safety and Quality**

All meat must be acceptable quality and meet microbiological standards of Food Act, 1983 and Regulation, 1985 and free from pathogens such as *Salmonella spp.*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Listeria enterocolitica* and other harmful contaminants and residues.

**7.** 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 jejuni*, *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	

8. **Testing on arrival.**  
The consignment may be subjected to sampling and testing on declaration.
9. **Transportation**  
Each consignment of heat-processed beef or mutton 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.
10. **Surrender of Official Documents in Malaysia.**  
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.
11. **Amendment**  
The State Veterinary Authority reserves the right to amend or revise further 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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