

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

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BEEF, MUTTON, LAMB AND VENISON AND PART THEREOF
FROM OVERSEAS INTO SARAWAK, MALAYSIA
(Effective from 3 April 2023)**

- A. Product : Beef, Mutton and Chevron
B. Country : All countries
C. Purpose : Human consumption
D. Requirements for importation:

1. Import Permit

The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the State Veterinary Authority (SVA) permitting the importation of such meat into Sarawak.

2. Veterinary Health Conditions

The consignment of meat shall meet the following health conditions as supervised by the competent authority of the exporting country.

- a. The animal were slaughtered and processed in an approved slaughtering and processing plant which has been inspected and approved for export by the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), Malaysia and has been under continuous supervision of the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.
- b. Exporting country is free from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine brucellosis, foot and mouth disease (without vaccination), haemorrhagic septicaemia, rift valley fever, lumpy skin disease and vesicular stomatitis for the past twelve (12) months prior to export.
- c. Exporting country is recognized as having a negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk in accordance with the BSE chapter in current World Organization For Animal Health (WOAH) Recognised Code.
- d. Meat is derived from animals that have not originated from properties quarantined due to anthrax or any other infectious or contagious diseases.
- e. The animals from which meat were derived were of exporting country origin.
- f. The feeding of ruminant protein to ruminants is prohibited in exporting country.
- g. Prior to slaughter, the animals have been examined (ante-mortem inspections) and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
- h. The slaughtered animals were subjected to post-mortem meat examination and found to be free from foot and mouth disease and other infectious or contagious disease lesions in accordance with international standard of meat inspection procedures.
- i. The carcass shall be dressed, eviscerated and processed at the DVS Malaysia approved abattoir before the meat is exported to Sarawak.
Processing may include:
 - i. Boning of the carcass before the temperature at the thermal centre of the carcass is reduced to 20°C or; 2.9.2 Boning of the carcass following initial chilling.
 - ii. The carcasses should be processed, packed and stored at DVS approved processing plant under sanitary conditions.
- j. The meat has met microbiological standards of exporting country and is free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues.
- k. Every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives / colouring matters or any other harmful material and that the meat is fit for human consumption.
- l. Product inner and outer packaging must be labeled or clearly printed on the packing with
 - a. Name and address of establishment number
 - b. Establishment number of the abattoir,
 - c. Batch number and date of slaughter

3. Certification

- a. Health Certification
 - i. The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate certifying the above veterinary health conditions issued by the competent veterinary authority of exporting country within 7 days prior to export;
 - ii. The certificate contains details of the following:
 1. Export establishment number where slaughtered
 2. Name and address of the exporter
 3. Description of goods:
 - Number and kind of packages

- Date of departure
 - Quantity of meat (kg)
- b. Halal certification
- i. The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by Halal Certification Body recognized by JAKIM confirming that the slaughter of the animals has been done according to the Malaysian Protocol for Halal Meat and Poultry Production. Adequate precautions have been taken to prevent mixing with non-halal conformance carcasses during slaughtering, deboning, chilling, freezing, packaging, storing, transportation and all other acts in connection with handling and consignment.
 - ii. The certificate contains details of the following;
 - 1. Name and establishment number of the abattoir
 - 2. Description of meat;
 - Number and kind of packages
 - Date of slaughter
 - Quantity of meat (kg)
4. Transportation and Landing Place
- a. The refrigerated vehicle/container used for the transportation of the meat must be in hygienic conditions and at temperature maximum 4°C for chilled or -18°C for frozen.
 - b. During transportation, Halal product shall be identified and segregated in complete packaging, from non-Halal conformance product.
 - c. Each consignment of products imported into Sarawak shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Sarawak.
5. Other Conditions
- a. The inner and outer packaging of the product must be labelled with logo of registered Islamic Organisation in exporting country that has been approved by Malaysian Authority. The name, address, establishment number of the abattoir, batch number and date of slaughter must also be labelled in the packaging.
 - b. The approved abattoir shall be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS), State Veterinary Authority and Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) at any time as and when deemed necessary.
6. Suspension of Import
- State Veterinary Authority may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above requirements.
7. Right to Amend Import Requirements
- State Veterinary Authority reserves the right to amend the above requirements at any time as he may deem necessary in consultation with the exporting country competent authority and allowing appropriate time for transition and implementation.

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