

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

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS  
INTO THE STATE OF SARAWAK, MALAYSIA  
(Effective from 3 April 2023)**

- A. Products : Liquid milk, yogurt, milk powder, cheese, butter, ice-cream or milk / dairy products thereof
- B. Country of export : All Countries
- C. Purpose : For Human Consumption
- D. REGULATION FOR IMPORTATION
1. Each consignment of milk and milk products shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Sarawak permitting into Sarawak, Malaysia.
  2. Product manufactured in Malaysia must be from accredited processing plants under the Veterinary Health Mark accreditation programme.
  3. Product (**except confectionary**) manufactured in oversea must be from List of Dairy Establishments Approved for Export to Malaysia by Department of Veterinary Service Malaysia.
  4. **Veterinary Health Certification**
    - 4.1. **Milk and milk products**
      - 4.1.1. Each consignment of milk and milk products shall be accompanied by Veterinary Health Certificate dated within thirty (30) days of import and signed or endorsed by competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of exporting certifying that the country or part of country or state of origin has been free from
        - 4.1.1.1. *Foot and Mouth* disease,
        - 4.1.1.2. *Peste Des Petits Ruminants*,
        - 4.1.1.3. *Contagious Bovine Plueropneumonia*,
        - 4.1.1.4. *Contagious Caprine Plueropneumonia* and
        - 4.1.1.5. *Bovine Spongioform Encephalopathy*for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export;  
**\*\*(Country of origin refers to the country where the milk is produced)**
      - 4.1.2. the milk and milk products were derived from animals (cattle or goats) that have been examined, tested and certified to be free from *Tuberculosis* and have been domiciled in the country of export in the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export;
      - 4.1.3. the animals were found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease (including ectoparasites) at the time of milking;
      - 4.1.4. that the milk has been subjected to one of the following procedures to inactivate the viruses present in milk and cream for human consumption, in accordance with Article 3.6.2.5 of the International Animal Health Code 2002.
        - 4.1.4.1. Ultra-high temperature (UHT) (UHT = minimum temperature of 132°C for least 1 second)
        - 4.1.4.2. If the milk has a pH less than 7.0, simple high temperature – short time pasteurisation (HTST);
        - 4.1.4.3. If milk has a pH of 7.0 or over, double HTST treatment is required
      - 4.1.5. all necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the products with any potential sources of FMD virus.
      - 4.1.6. the milk and milk products were processed and packed in the processing or packing plant that has been approved for export. **The name, address, establishment number of the plant, batch or lot number and date of production must be clearly stated in the certificate;**
      - 4.1.7. the milk and milk products were processed, packed and stored under sanitary condition and do not contain any preservative, colouring matter, residue or any foreign substance or harmful material injurious to health and that every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination during, the processing, packed, stoking and handling prior to export;
      - 4.1.8. that the milk and milk products has been subjected to pasteurization, ultra-heat treatment or sterilization and was packed direct into satisfactory clean and sterilized bottle or container and fulfil the microbiological limits as stated in clause (7) in this permit;
      - 4.1.9. that the milk or milk products destined for export to Sarawak, Malaysia are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

#### 4.2. For confectionary containing dairy or milk products

##### 4.2.1. The confectionary items consignment containing milk and milk products

###### 4.2.1.1. from oversea

4.2.1.1.1. shall be accompanied by exporting country Government Veterinary Authority certifies that the product is manufactured using milk and milk products originated from FMD free country.

###### 4.2.1.2. from West Malaysia or Sabah (Origin from oversea and reexport)

4.2.1.2.1. copy Government Authority from country of origin that the confectionary items is manufactured using milk and milk products originated from FMD free country, or

4.2.1.2.2. copy of Certificate of Origin from ASEAN Australia New Zealand Free Trade Zone Area if the origin of confectionary is made in Australia.

#### 5. Transportation

5.1. Each consignment of milk and milk products imported into Sarawak, Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Sarawak.

#### 6. Surrender of Official Document in Sarawak, Malaysia

6.1. Upon arrival upon in Sarawak, Malaysia, all official documents required under each importation shall be surrender for verification to the State Veterinary Authority or his representatives.

#### 7. Other Conditions

7.1. All applications for importation of milk and milk products into Sarawak, Malaysia shall be by writing direct to State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Sarawak. All importers must be through the local agent or a Malaysian registered company;

7.2. The State Veterinary Authority has the right to enquire for any document or detail information from the parties concerned. In the event that the applicants (importer or exporter) fail or unable to provide or to comply with any of the above requirements, the State Veterinary Authority has the right to reject or not to approve the application;

7.3. The processing or packing plant shall be subjected to inspection by the official(s) from the State Veterinary Authority prior to approval as and when deemed necessary. All costs incurred shall be borne by the parties concerned;

7.4. Each consignment of milk and milk products imported into Malaysia shall be subjected to veterinary inspection by the authorized officer(s) of the State Veterinary Authority at the port of disembarkation or point of entry on arrival in Malaysia. Random samples will then be collected for laboratory testing and State Veterinary Authority has the right to reject, destroy or further detain any consignment when deemed required.

8. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result in the consignment being rejected on arrival or on inspection on board ship; the consignment shall not be landed and the importer shall bear the cost of sending the consignment back.

#### 9. Microbiological Limit

Types of Tests	Maximum Microbiological Limit	Criteria Used
Total Plate Count	< 50,000 cfu/gm or ml.	Food Act 1983 / Food Regulations 1985
Coliform	< 100 MPN/gm or ml.	
E. coli	Absent in 1gm	

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

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