

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

**REGULATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS OR DAY-OLD DUCKLING OR GOOSLING  
FROM WEST MALAYSIA INTO SARAWAK, MALAYSIA  
(Effective 3 April 2023)**

- A. Poultry : Day Old Breeder Chicks, Day Old Duckling, Day Old Layer Chicks,  
Day old gosling, Day old turkey
- B. Country of export : West Malaysia and Sabah
- C. Purpose : Rearing or Breeding
- D. **REGULATION FOR IMPORTATION**

**1) Import Permit**

- a) All application to import of day-old chicks into Sarawak shall be made to the State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Services, Sarawak giving details of the names and address of farm of origin, name and address of exporter, country of export, number of birds, breed and age of birds to be imported, purpose of import, means of transport, name and address of importer, name and address of farm(s) where the imported birds are to be kept or reared.
- b) Every consignment of the day-old chicks imported into Sarawak shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Department of Veterinary Sarawak giving permission for the importation of such birds into the State of Sarawak.

**2) Description of Birds**

Every consignment of day-old chick imported Sarawak shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate issued and endorsed by an official veterinarian of the local government veterinary authority giving details of the following:

- a) Origin of the birds including name and address of farm or premises of origin and name and address of exporter or consignor;
- b) Destination of the birds including name and address of importer or consignee in Sarawak, name and address of farm(s) where the birds are to be kept or reared and means of transport.

**3) Veterinary Health Certification**

Every consignment of the day-old chicks imported into Sarawak shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate issued by a competent veterinary officer from local government veterinary authority attesting

- a) the birds came from farm(s) which is **Certified under Malaysia Good Agricultural Practices (MyGAP)** and is under regular health inspection by a veterinarian with relevant avian experience;
- b) The farm is under intensified government surveillance programme on Avian Influenza and has been tested and found to be free from Avian Influenza;
- c) The poultry were derived from breeder/layer flocks which had been kept in *Avian Influenza (AI)* free farm for twenty-one (21) days prior to and at time of the collection of the chicks/eggs;
- d) The poultry were kept in *Avian Influenza (AI)* **free** farm since they were hatched;
- e) The poultry originated from establishment that have no outbreak of *Newcastle Disease (ND)* for the past six (6) months and not stated in any ND infected zone;
- f) The birds have been inspected and found to be free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease of birds within forty-eight (48) hours of export by a Government Veterinarian;
- g) There have been no clinical or pathological evidence of the following diseases on the premises or farm(s) of origin within the preceding 6 months prior to export: -
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| i) <i>Velogenic Newcastle Disease</i>   | v) <i>Infectious Bursal Disease</i> |
| ii) <i>Pathogenic Avian Influenza</i>   | vi) <i>Fowl Pox</i>                 |
| iii) <i>Fowl Cholera</i>                | vii) <i>Infectious Bronchitis</i>   |
| iv) <i>Infectious Laryngotracheitis</i> | viii) <i>Infectious Coryza</i>      |

- ix) *Salmonella pullorum*
- x) *Avian Encephalomyelitis*
- xi) *Avian Mycoplasmosis*
- xii) *Avian Leucosis*
- xiii) *Avian Spirochaetosis*
- xiv) *Salmonellosis*
- xv) *Avian Viral Arthritis*
- xvi) *Avian Tuberculosis*
- xvii) *Pasteurellosis*

- xviii) *Pullorum Disease*
- xix) *Marek's Disease*
- xx) *Chlamydiosis*
- xxi) *Vibronic Hepatitis*
- xxii) *Transmissible Enteritis*
- xxiii) *Duck Viral Enteritis*
- xxiv) *Duck Viral Hepatitis*

- h) All the birds destined for export to Sarawak were hatched from eggs from breeder flocks free from Pullorum disease, the farm should have certification that it has pullorum screen programme and is free from pullorum disease (Fowl Typhoid, *Salmonella enteritidis* and *Salmonella typhimurium*).
  - i) No clinical evidence of velogenic Newcastle disease, pathogenic Avian Influenza, Fowl Cholera, Marek's disease, avian leukosis and salmonellosis have been detected in the breeder flock(s) of during the preceding six (6) months prior to export.
  - j) That all layer and breeder chicks were vaccinated against Marek's Disease.
- 4) **Transportation and landing Point in Sarawak.**
- a) Every consignment of day-old chick imported into Sarawak shall be transported by aircraft direct from the airport of embarkation in the country of export to the prescribed landing point or airport of disembarkation in Kuching International Airport, Sarawak. Transit at Kuala Lumpur International Airport is permitted; however, transit time should not be more than 24 hours.
  - b) Containers used to transport birds should meet International Air Traffic Association regulations.
  - c) Relevant tests will be conducted at the entry port and samples will be collected for laboratory tests when necessary.
  - d) The birds will be required to undergo quarantine at premises approved by the State Veterinary Authority for minimum period of 14 days.
  - e) During quarantine, the birds will subject to monitoring and testing by State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Services, Sarawak or his representative as when required before release.
- 5) **Surrender of Official Documents in Sarawak.**
- a) Upon arrival in Sarawak, all official documents required under each importation shall be surrendered for verification to the State Veterinary Authority or to any authorized officer assigned by the State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak as the officer in charge at the relevant airport / port of entry.
- 6) **Destination of Day-Old Chicks**
- a) These day-old chicks are imported for the following farms: -
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| Name :                  |       |
| Full Address :          |       |
| Tel contact :           | Fax : |
| No. of day-old chicks : |       |
- 7) **Advance Notice**  
The expected time of arrival should be made known to the Animal Quarantine Office at **Kuching International Airport at telephone No. 082-576105** at least two (2) days in advance.
- 8) **Amendments**  
The State Veterinary Authority, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak reserves the right to amend or revise further rules and regulations pertaining to the import of day-old chicks into Sarawak, if there are changes in Sarawak's import policy, or for any other reason, as and when deemed necessary.