

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

**REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF COOKED OR HEAT PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS INTO
SARAWAK, MALAYSIA
(Effective 3 April 2023)**

- A. Animal product : Cooked or Heat Processed Pork 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 pork products shall be accompanied by a valid import permit 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 carton.

4) Packing and Labelling

The individual packing must bear the following: -

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

5) Veterinary Health Certification

Each consignment of pork products shall be accompanied by the following certificates dated within thirty (30) days of import:-

- a) 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 preceding six (6) months prior to the date of export;
 - ii) the pork 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 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 Food Regulations, 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 that 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 pork products are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

6) Meat Safety and Quality

- a) 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.
- b) For cooked products ready for consumption, the microbiological limits are as stated below and should also be negative for *Salmonella spp.*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Listeria monocytogenes*:-

Food & Food Products	Types of Tests	Microbiological Standard	Criteria Used
Cooked or heat processed pork product	Coliform	< 50 MPN/gm	Food Act 1983 / Food Regulations 1985
	E. coli	< 3 MPN/gm	
	Staph. aureus	< 3 MPN/gm	

7) **Testing on arrival.**

- a) The consignment may be subjected to sampling and testing upon declaration.

8) **Transportation**

- a) Each consignment of heat-processed pork 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.

9) **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, Sarawak or to any authorized officer assigned by State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak.

10) **Amendments**

- a) 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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