

ADDITIONAL CONDITION TO IMPORT OF FROZEN CHICKEN INTO SABAH

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| A. | Product | Chicken |
| B. | Origin | Brazil, Thailand, West Malaysia |
| C. | Purpose | Human Consumption |

D. Requirements for importation:

1. Import License

Each consignment of frozen chicken shall be accompanied by a valid import license issued by the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Sabah permitting the importation into Sabah

2. Veterinary Health Certificate

a. The veterinary certificate attesting that:

i. Country of origin is free from High Pathogenic Avian Influenza, New Castle Disease and the entire consignment of frozen chicken have been subjected to ante- and post- mortem inspections for High Pathogenic Avian Influenza, New Castle Disease and other infectious or contagious diseases lesions with favorable results.

ii. Slaughtering of animals were carried out at an abattoir approved by the Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia (DVS).

iii. The frozen chicken has met microbiological standards of country of origin and is free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues as stated below:

<i>Food</i>	<i>Total Plate Count at 37° C for 48 hr.</i>	<i>Coliform Count at 37 ° C for 48 hr.</i>	<i>Escheria Coli Count</i>	<i>Salmonella</i>
Meat and meat products ready for consumption, excluding meat and meat product in hermetically sealed containers.	10 ⁶ per g	5 x 10 per g		Not detectable in 25 gram

- 3 **Processing Requirement:**
The frozen chicken shall be processed and packed in the processing or packing plant that has a quality assurance program such as BRCGS, FSSC 22000, HACCP, VHM or equivalent.
4. **Product requirement:**
- a. Frozen chicken is derived from animals that have not originated from properties quarantined due to avian influenza, or any other infectious or contagious diseases.
 - b. The frozen chicken has been through either one of the following procedures:
 - i. Boning of the carcass before the temperature at the thermal center of the carcass is reduced to 20 °C or;
 - ii. Boning of the carcass following initial chilling.
5. **Halal certification**
- a. The consignment of frozen meat products shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by JAKIM confirming that the slaughter of the animals has been done according to the Malaysian Protocol for Halal Meat and Poultry Production.
 - b. 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.
6. **Packing & labelling requirement**
- a. The products must be labelled with;
 - i. name and address of the manufacturer
 - ii. date of manufacture and expiry date
 - iii. batch / lot number
 - iv. Importer details.
 - b. The product should be labeled “For Sabah Market Only” on the primary and secondary packaging
 - c. Primary packing of the product must not exceed two (2) kg unless be exempted by these conditions.
 - d. Mixed container with halal meat and non – halal meat are not allowed.
7. **Transportation and landing**

Each consignment of frozen chicken imported to Sabah shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port in Sabah.

8. **Inspection and verification**

- a. The approved plant or manufacturer shall be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia of Sabah at any time as and when deemed necessary.
- b. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will results 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. **Sampling**

Samples of the frozen chicken shall be taken by DVS Sabah enforcement officer in charge of inspection for testing as and when deemed necessary.

10. **Suspension of import**

The Director of Department of Veterinary Services, Sabah may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the frozen chicken 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.

11. **Right to amend import requirements**

The Director of Department of Veterinary Services, Sabah reserves the right to amend the above requirements at any time as he may deem necessary.

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