

## ADDITIONAL CONDITION TO IMPORT OF FROZEN MEAT INTO SABAH

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| A. | Product | Frozen meat                          |
| B. | Origin  | Japan, India, Australia, New Zealand |
| C. | Purpose | Human Consumption                    |

### D. Requirements for importation :

#### 1. **Import License**

Each consignment of frozen meat 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. the entire consignment of frozen meat come from animals which have been slaughtered in an approved slaughterhouse/ abattoir and have been subjected to ante- and post- mortem inspections for Foot and Mouth Disease and other infectious or contagious diseases lesions with favorable results;
- ii. the animals were kept since birth or for at least the past three months in a zone free from FMD where vaccination is not practiced.
- iii. the frozen meat have been processed to ensure the destruction of FMDV in accordance with on one of the procedures stated below.
- iv. the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the frozen meat with any potential source of FMDV.
- v. The frozen meat was packed direct into satisfactory clean and sterilization packaging and fulfill the microbiological standards as stated below:

<b>Food</b>	<b>Total Plate Count at 37° C for 48 hr.</b>	<b>Coliform Count at 37 ° C for 48 hr.</b>	<b>Escheria Coli Count</b>
Meat and meat product ready for consumption, excluding meat and meat product in hermetically sealed containers.	10 <sup>6</sup> per g	5 x 10 per g	It shall comply with good manufacturing practice.

- 3        **Processing Requirement:**  
The frozen meat shall be processed and packed in the processing or packing plant that has a quality assurance program such as Veterinary Health Mark (VHM), HACCP, BRCGS or equivalent.
  
4.        **Product requirement:**  
  
The frozen meat is derived from animals that have not originated from properties quarantined due to foot and mouth disease, or any other infectious or contagious diseases.
  
5.        **Halal certification**
  - a.        The consignment of frozen meat 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 meat 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.
    - v.       Exporter details
  
  - b.        Mixed container with halal meat and non – halal meat are not allowed.
  
7.        **Transportation and landing**  
  
Each consignment of frozen beef 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 beef 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 beef 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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