

ADDITIONAL CONDITION TO IMPORT OF MILK PRODUCTS INTO SABAH

A.	Product	Milk Products (liquid milk, cheese, yogurts, others)
B.	Origin	New Zealand, Belgium, Spain
C.	Purpose	Human Consumption

D. Requirements for importation :

1. Import License

Each consignment of milk products 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

The veterinary certificate attesting that :

i. These products are originate from establishments which were not infected or suspected of being infected with FMD at the time of milk collection;

ii. have been processed to ensure the destruction of FMDV.

iii. the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the products with any potential source of FMDV.

iv. the milk and milk products has been subjected to pasteurization, ultra-heat treatment or sterilization and was packed direct into satisfactory clean and sterilized packaging and fulfill the microbiological standards as stated below:

Food	Total Plate Count at 37° C for 48 hr.	Coliform Count at 37 ° C for 48 hr.	Escheria Coli Count
Pasteurized milk, pasteurized cream and milk powder (including full cream and skim milk powder)	10 ³ per g or per ml	5 x 10 per g or per ml	
Ice cream	5x 10 ⁴ per g	100 per g	Absent in 1 g
Infant formula	10 ⁴ per g	10 per g	

3 Processing Plant Requirement :

The milk and milk products shall be processed and packed in the processing or packing plant that has Veterinary Health Mark (VHM), HACCP or equivalent.

4. Product Requirement :

Has been through processed by the following procedures:

a. process applying a minimum temperature of 132° C for at least one second (ultra-high temperature [UHT]), or

- b. if the milk has a pH less than 7.0, a process applying a minimum temperature of 72 ° C for at least 15 seconds (high temperature – short time pasteurization [HTST]), or
 - c. if the milk has a pH of 7.0 or greater, the HST process applied twice.
- 5. Packing & labelling requirement**

The inner and outer packaging of the milk and milk 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 detail
- 6. Transportation and landing**
 - a. Each consignment of milk and milk products 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.
 - b. An appropriate cold chain shall be observed and in hygienic conditions.
- 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 milk and milk products 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 milk and milk products 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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