

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO IMPORT MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS INTO SABAH**

**1. Import Permit**

Each consignment of Milk and Milk Products shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Sabah permitting the importation into Sabah;

**AND**

**2. Veterinary Health Certification**

Each consignment of Milk and Milk Products shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate **written in English** dated within fourteen (14) days of export and signed and endorsed by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the **country of origin** certifying that:

- a) the country or part of country or state of origin has been free from *Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)*, *Rinderpest / Peste des petits ruminants*,
- b) *Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia*, *Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia* and *Bovine Encephalopathy* for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export;
- c) the farm of origin have been certified free from *Tuberculosis* and *Brucellosis* by the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country;
- d) the animals were found to be healthy and free from any from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease (including ectoparasites) at the time of milking;
- e) the milk and milk product were derived from herds/flocks that have been kept in the country during the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export;
- f) the milk and milk products were processed and packed in the processing or packing plant that has been approved for export with Veterinary Health Mark Logo issued by Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) (the name, address and establishment number of the plant) and overseas plant / establishment approved by DVS Malaysia;

- g) the milk and milk products were processed, packed and stored under sanitary condition and do not contain any preservative, colouring matter, residue or any foreign substance or harmful material injurious to health and that every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination during, the processing, packed, stocking and handling prior to export;
- h) the milk and milk products has been subjected to one of the following procedures to inactivate the viruses present in milk and milk products for human consumption;
  - a. Ultra High Temperature (UHT) at a minimum 132°C for at least 1 second; **or**
  - b. By simple high temperature short time pasteurisation (HTST) at 72°C for at least 15 seconds for milk with pH less than 7.0; **or**
  - c. Double HTST for milk with pH 7.0 or over
- i) the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the products with any potential sources of *Foot and Mouth Disease* virus.
- j) the milk and milk products has been subjected to pasteurization, ultra-heat treatment or sterilization and was packed direct into satisfactory clean and sterilized bottle or container and fulfil the microbiological limits as stated in **Microbiological Limit** in this license;

**Microbiological Limit**

Types of Tests	Maximum Microbiological Limit	Criteria Used
Total Plate Count	< 50,000 cfu/gm or ml	Food Act 1983 / Food Regulation 1985
Coliform	< 100 MPN/gm or ml	
<i>E. coli</i>	Absent in 1gm	

- k) in the case of milk and milk products intended for human consumption, that the milk or milk products are wholesome and fit for human consumption.

**3. Transportation**

Each consignment of milk or milk product imported into Sabah, Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia.

**4. Surrender of Official Document in Sabah, Malaysia**

Upon arrival in Sabah, Malaysia, all official documents required under each importation shall be surrender for verification to the State Veterinary Authority or his representative.

5. The processing or packing plant shall be subjected to inspection by the official(s) from the State Veterinary Authority prior to approval as and when deemed necessary. All costs incurred shall be borne by the parties concerned.
6. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result 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.
7. The Director of Sabah Veterinary Services may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the 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 conditions.
8. The Director of Sabah Veterinary Services reserves the right to amend the above conditions at any time as he may deem necessary.

Note: This license is valid until....