

(Empowered Under Section 8 of Animal Rules, 1962)

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PET FOOD FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Product : Pet Food
- B. Country of Export : United States of America (USA)
- C. Purpose : Animal Feed
- D. Regulations for Importation: -

1. Approval to Import

Pet food shall be registered and licensed by Animal Feed Board of Malaysia before the product is allowed to be imported into Malaysia. Registration shall be made to the Animal Feed Board Secretariat under Animal Feed Section, Development of Livestock Technology Resources Division, DVS Malaysia.

2. Import Permit

Each consignment of pet food shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such products into Malaysia.

3. Veterinary Certification

Each consignment of pet food shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate written in English dated within 14 days of export and signed and endorsed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) giving details of the consignment (such as name and address of consignor, consignee and manufacturing facility and quantity, type and origin of raw material and products) and certifying that:

- 3.1. The pet food has been manufactured entirely in USA, in a manufacturing facility monitored by USDA.
- 3.2. The pet food contains animal protein derived from fish, poultry, cattle, goats, sheep, deer, swine and buffalo which healthy and not from diseased animal, or which died from contamination or outbreak.
- 3.3. The ruminant meat or ruminant based products used in the manufacturing of the pet food is sourced only from USA, Australia or New Zealand.
- 3.4.
- 3.5. There has been no outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) within 10 km radius of the manufacturing facility.
- 3.6. The pet food referred in the certificate has been subjected to the approved method of sterilization, or any other equivalent methods that would ensure destructions of HPAI virus.
- 3.7. Pet food referred in the certificate has been manufactured according to standard processing technique and has been subjected to heat treatment to reach an internal core temperature of at least 70 degrees centigrade for a period of not less than 30 minutes or to any equivalent treatment which has been demonstrated to killed virus and bacteria.
- 3.8. Necessary precaution has been taken to prevent contamination of the pet food referred in the certificate from pathogen and other harmful material.

3.9. The products were packed and sealed directly into sterilized air tight packing/bags at the manufacturing plant.

3.10. The pet food is safe and fit for animal consumptions.

4. Labeling requirement

4.1. The list of raw material or ingredient and the nutritional data should be clearly stated on the packing or bag labeled as pet food.

4.2. Where the feed contains pork or its derivative or lard, the pet food shall be clearly labeled as "CONTAINS [state whether pork, or its derivative, or lard as the case may be]"

4.3. The product package must be also clearly labeled with ;

4.3.1. name and address of the manufacturer

4.3.2. date of manufacture and expiry date

4.3.3. batch/lot number

4.3.4. directions for use for the intended animal species

4.3.5. list of ingredients

4.3.6. nutritional data

5. Transportation and Landing Place

Each consignment of pet food imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place or any other port in Malaysia.

6. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importation of the product from any countries either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services shall amend the above regulations at any time, as he may deem necessary.

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