

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN TO PENINSULAR MALAYSIA

- I. Products : Semen (Frozen or chilled)**
- II. Country : New Zealand**
- III. Purpose : Artificial Insemination**
- IV. Regulations for Importation:**

1. Import Permit

The consignment of Semen shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such animals into Peninsular Malaysia.

2. Identification

- 2.1. The identification of the donor and the date of semen collection must be shown in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the semen.
- 2.2. All ampules and straws must be permanently marked with the identification of donor and date of semen collection.

3. Country Freedom

The consignment of semen shall be accompanied by an official Veterinary Health Certificate in English dated within seven (7) days of export issued by the competent Veterinary Authority of exporting country certifying that ;

- 3.1. New Zealand is free from bluetongue, brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), bovine spongiform encephalopathy, contagious bovine plueropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, lumpy disease, rinderpest and vesicular stomatitis.
- 3.2. The semen in the consignment is derived from animals which had been kept in the artificial insemination centre for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of collection.
- 3.3. In the 12 months prior to the date of initial collection of semen for this consignment, the donor animals shall be examined and certified free from any clinical evidence of bovine genital camphylobacteriosis, bovine tuberculosis, leptospirosis and trichomoniasis and any other infectious or contagious disease or notifiable diseases known to be transmitted via semen.

4. Semen Collection centre

- 4.1. The donor bulls were resident in the semen collection centre under veterinary supervision for at least 6 months prior to the collection of semen for this consignment.
- 4.2. The approved semen collection centre shall be certified:
 - I. Is approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries as having facilities suitable for collecting, processing and storing semen.
 - II. Is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and is responsible for hygiene of the centre and the health of the animals.
 - III. Is regularly inspected by a veterinary officer approved the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.

5. Pre and Post Collection requirements

- 5.1. During the pre-collection period the donor bulls did not perform natural service.
- 5.2. The donor bull have been tested with negative results within 12 month period immediately prior to semen collection for the following diseases: -
 - I. *Campylobacter fetus, venerealis* using culture examination of preputial washings.
 - II. *Trichomonas fetus* using microscopic examination and culture examination of preputial washings.
 - III. Bovine tuberculosis using an intradermal test applied to the caudal fold using bovine tuberculin. Results were read after 72 hours.

6. Transportation

- 6.1. Only new or sterilized containers and fresh nitrogen not previously used for any other purpose may be used for the storage of the semen.
- 6.2. The container shall be sealed by an Official Veterinarian using a seal bearing with marks.

7. Other Conditions

The Artificial Insemination Centre may be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia at any time as and when deemed necessary.

8. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importations either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in the exporting country or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

9. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia shall amend the above regulations as he may deem necessary.

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