

The following is based on information provided by the Department of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia, in June 2004. Information regarding protein-free tallow was provided in September 2004.

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PET FOOD**

- A. Product: Pet food
- B. Country of Export: Any country
- C. Purpose: Animal feed
- D. Regulations for importation:

### **1. Import License**

Each consignment of pet food shall be accompanied by a valid import license issued by the Director General or the state director of the department of Veterinary Services Malaysia permitting the importation of such products into Malaysia.

### **2. Veterinary Certification**

Each consignment of pet food shall be accompanied by a veterinary certificate dated within 14 days of export and signed and endorsed by the competent veterinary authority of the country of origin 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:

- 2.1 The pet food has been manufactured entirely in the exporting country, in a manufacturing facility approved and monitored by the competent veterinary authority of exporting country. **NOTE: A facility must have a current inspection by APHIS/VS to claim that they are “approved by the USDA.”**
- 2.2 The pet food contains animal protein derived from fish, poultry, cattle, goats, sheep, horse, deer, swine and buffalo. **NOTE: Malaysia has informed APHIS that porcine (swine) ingredients, while allowed, must be declared (label and health certificate).**
- 2.3 The country of export is free from transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) and scrapie or in case the country is not free from, TSE and scrapie, no cattle, buffalo deer, sheep and goat products have been used to manufacture the pet food. **NOTE: No US-origin ingredients from these species may be included in pet food exported to Malaysia EXCEPT protein-free tallow from cattle and dairy ingredients. The exporter must provide acceptable lab results showing a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight for specific lot/containers of product containing protein-free tallow.**
- 2.4 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.

2.5 The pet food referred to in the certificate has been subjected to the following method of sterilization, or any other equivalent methods that would ensure destructions of HPAI virus.

Pet food have been manufactured according to standard processing technique and have 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 inactivate virus and bacteria.

2.6 Every precaution is taken to prevent contamination after the products are treated and processed.

2.7 The products were packed and sealed directly into sterilized airtight packing/bags at the manufacturing plant. **NOTE: Packaging materials used for pet foods are not “sterile” so this statement cannot be made, as is. Recommend amending to say “The products were packed and sealed directly into new, clean containers or packages at the manufacturing plant.”**

### **3. Labeling requirement.**

The list of raw materials or ingredients and the nutritional data should be clearly recorded on the packing or bag and labeled as pet food.

### **4. Import fee**

Import license = RM 3.00 per consignment

### **5. Application and enquiries**

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