

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN DEBONED & DEGLANDED BEEF MEAT FROM KOREA

- 1.0 Product** : Frozen Deboned & Deglarded Beef
- 2.0 Types of animal** : Cattle
- 3.0 Purpose** : Human Consumption
- 4.0 Country of Export** : Korea
- 5.0 Regulation for Importation** :

5.1. Import Permit

The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) concerned permitting the importation of such beef into the State(s) of Malaysia.

5.2 Veterinary Health Certificate

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

5.2.1. The country has been free from anthrax, rift valley fever, bluetongue, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export.

5.2.2 The beef is derived from cattle which have been kept since birth or for at least the past three (3) months in foot and mouth disease (FMD) free zone

5.2.3 The farm of origin has been certified by Veterinary Authority of Korea free from bovine genital campylobacteriosis, bovine viral diarrhea, bovine enzootic leucosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, bovine trichomoniasis and bovine tuberculosis and any other infectious or contagious diseases for the past twelve (12) month prior to export.

5.2.4 Korea has been classified by the OIE as a country with negligible bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk.

5.2.5 The beef is derived from cattle which have not been fed with any kind of processed animal protein.

5.2.6 Slaughtering, cutting, deboning and deglanded were carried out at the abattoir approved by the Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia. (the name, address and establishment number of the abattoir must be clearly stated in the certificate).

5.2.7 Prior to slaughter, the cattle have been examined (ante-mortem inspections) and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.

5.2.8 The carcass/carcasses was/were subjected to post mortem beef examinations and found to be free from foot and mouth disease and any other infectious or contagious diseases lesion in accordance to standard beef inspection procedures of the exporting country.

5.2.9 The carcasses have been deboned and deglanded under sanitary conditions that all lymph nodes and diaphragm have been excluded.

5.2.10 The beef is free from pathogens and other harmful contaminants and residues

5.2.11 Every precaution has been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives/colouring matters or other foreign substances which is injurious to health to ensure the beef is fit for human consumption.

5.2.12 The carcasses have been eviscerated, dressed and held in the chiller at a temperature of 0°C-4°C for a minimum period of 24 (twenty-four) hours at the approved abattoir and in which the pH value was below 6.0 when tested in the middle of both the longissimus dorsi.

5.2.13 The packed beef was stored under sanitary conditions at temperature of at least -18°C for frozen temperature at the approved abattoir.

5.2.14 The deboned and deglanded beef have been packed hygienically using new packaging material and labelled indicating the name, address, establishment number of the approved abattoir and stamped with the batch number and date of slaughter.

5.2.15 Every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination, treatment with preservatives/colouring matters or other foreign substances injurious to health and that the deboned beef is fit for human consumption.

5.3 Halal Certification

5.3.1 The consignment of meat shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate issued by HALAL Certification body recognized by JAKIM, confirming that the slaughter of the animals has been done according to the Malaysian Protocol for Halal Meat and Poultry Production. Adequate precautions have been taken to prevent mixing with non halal conformance carcasses during slaughtering, deboning, chilling, freezing, packaging, storing, transportation and all other acts in connection with handling and consignment.

5.3.2 The certificate contains details of the following;

- a. Name and establishment number of the abattoir
- b. Description of meat;
 - Number and kind of packages
 - Date of slaughter
 - Quantity of meat (kg)

5.4 Labelling Requirement

5.4.1 The inner and outer packaging of the product must be labelled with logo of registered Islamic Organisation in Korea that has been approved by Malaysian Authority. The name, address, establishment number of the abattoir, batch number and date of slaughter must also be labelled in the packaging.

5.4.2 The meat shall be labelled as chilled at temperature 0-4°C and frozen at temperature -18°C

5.4.3 Halal product shall be identified and segregated in complete packaging, from non-Halal conformance product

6.0 Transportation and Landing

6.1 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for the transportation of the meat must be in hygienic conditions and at frozen temperature of -18°C.

6.2 The refrigerated vehicle/container used for transportation is solely for halal meat and should only carry the said product.

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

7.0 Inspection and Verification

The approved abattoir shall be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) and Department of Islamic Development

Malaysia (JAKIM) at anytime as and when deemed necessary

8.0 Sampling

Samples of the frozen meat shall be taken by the MAQIS enforcement officers at the point of entry in Malaysia for testing as and when deemed necessary

9.0 Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of the meat from Korea 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.

10.0 Other Condition.

Not Applicable

11.0 Right to Amend Import Requirements

The Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia reserves the right to amend the above requirements at any time as he may deem necessary.

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