

Empowered Under Section 40 on Control of Live Fish, Fisheries Act 1985 (Act 317) and International Trade In Endangered Species Act 2008 (Act 686).

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CITES LISTED SPECIES INTO MALAYSIA

- A. Commodity: CITES-listed species (as listed in CITES Convention)
- B. Country of Export: All
- C. Purpose: All
- D. Requirements for Importation:

1. IMPORT CONDITIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN MALAYSIAN TERRITORY

- 1.1. Importers must be registered with, depending on the destination of the consignment;
 - 1.1.1. Department of Fisheries Malaysia (for peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak)
 - 1.1.2. Department of Fisheries Sabah
 - 1.1.3. Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak
- 1.2. A valid import permit issued by (depending on the destination of consignment) the Director General of the Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services, Malaysia (MAQIS) or Director of Fisheries Sabah (DOF Sabah) or Director of Veterinary Services Sarawak (DVS Sarawak).
- 1.3. The consignment is accompanied by a health certificate (details in Clause Number 2), CITES Export Permit from exporting country and CITES Import Permit from DOF Certificate of Origin, Import Permit from MAQIS, Invoice/ Packing List, Custom Form K1 and Airway Bill or Bill of Lading.
- 1.4. Importers must ensure a quarantine area approved by the Director General of the Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services, Malaysia (MAQIS) for the post-arrival isolation of specimen is identified before applying for the import permit. Quarantine areas will only be approved, as a place for the isolation of live specimens, when they meet the department's standards.
- 1.5. Species listed under Appendix I (captive breeding) must be specified with identification markings (tag number, ring number, passive integrated transponder (PIT)).
- 1.6. The consignment shall be identified by a legible label on the exterior of every packing bag or container with the following information:
 - 1.6.1. Name of the establishment of origin or harvest
 - 1.6.2. Name of importer

- 1.7. Each species and number of specimens in the consignment is as listed in the Health Certificate, Invoice and packing list.
- 1.8. The commodity is clearly labelled on each box.
- 1.9. The species must come from an officially recognized country, zone, farm or establishment unaffected by the WOAH-listed diseases. The live fish have been subjected to an aquatic animal health surveillance programme according to the procedures as described in the "*Aquatic Animal Health Code*" from World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH).
- 1.10. The live specimen has been inspected by the competent authority of the exporting country within 72 hours of the export date and showed no clinical signs of diseases.
- 1.11. The specimen must not be from the genus/ species listed below;
 - 1.11.1. *Acipenser*
 - 1.11.2. *Arapaima*or any family, genus or species listed in Fisheries Rules (Prohibition of Import, etc. of fish) 1990 and CITES Listed Species including its amendment except with the approval from Director-General of Fisheries.

2. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF CITES-LISTED SPECIES INTO MALAYSIA

The importation shall be accompanied by an original copy of the health certificate issued by the competent authority (CA) of the exporting country in English, to verify freedom from disease(s) and specify the health status of each animal, and provide information on the following:

- 2.1. Consignment details
 - 2.1.1. Name and address of the aquaculture establishment of origin or location of harvest
 - 2.1.2. Date of the shipment
 - 2.1.3. Name of the exporting country
 - 2.1.4. Name and address of the exporter
 - 2.1.5. Name of the competent authority of the exporting country
 - 2.1.6. Country of destination
 - 2.1.7. Name and address of the importer
 - 2.1.8. Origin of the specimen.
 - 2.1.9. Life stages
- 2.2. Identification of the animals
 - 2.2.1. Species: Scientific name and common name

- 2.2.2. Quantity (in pieces)
- 2.2.3. Total number of packages

2.3. Health Information

- 2.3.1. The live invertebrates must come from an officially recognized country, zone, farm, or establishment unaffected by the WOAH-listed diseases. The live fish have been subjected to an aquatic animal health surveillance program according to the procedures as described in the "Aquatic Animal Health Code" from WOAH. All fish must be free from WOAH-listed diseases and diseases of concern.
- 2.3.2. The specimen has been examined within seven (7) days before loading and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of disease.
- 2.3.3. For cultured specimens, the specimen were sourced from the approved farm, and the populations were not associated with any significant diseases and pests within the previous six (6) months.
- 2.3.4. For wild-caught specimens, the specimen were collected from an area at least five (5) kilometers from any aquaculture operations and the specimen in the consignment has not come into contact with water and equipment.

2.4. The aforementioned health certificate may be drawn up taking reference from the model certificate of the Aquatic Animal Health Code of the WOAH and shall include the following:

- 2.4.1. The certificate reference number on every page
- 2.4.2. Name, address, official position, date, signature, and official stamp of the CA

3. IMPORT CONDITIONS ON ARRIVAL IN MALAYSIAN TERRITORY

3.1. All shipments of CITES Listed Species are subjected to inspection (depending on the destination of consignment) by the Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services, Malaysia (MAQIS) or Department of Fisheries Sabah (DOF Sabah) or Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak (DVS Sarawak) on arrival to ensure that:

- 3.1.1. they have no clinical sign of disease,
- 3.1.2. the health certification and other required documents are in order,
- 3.1.3. they are not of the genus listed in Clause 1.9,
- 3.1.4. they do not contain non-permitted material or material of biosecurity concern.

3.2. The live specimen is subjected to quarantine at the registered importer's premise for 30 days.

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