

FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY DIVISION
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

**GUIDELINE ON HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT FOR
IMPORTATION OF MEAT, EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL, POULTRY, EDIBLE
POULTRY OFFAL, SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS INTO MALAYSIA**

This guideline will facilitate agency in issuing Health Certificate and assist exporter and importer of these products to comply with the new requirement which is in force from 1st. January, 2005.

1. Introduction

In order to protect consumer against consuming food contaminated with drugs and drug residues, The Ministry of Health Malaysia will be enforcing Health Certificate requirement for importation of meat, edible meat offal, poultry, edible poultry offal, shrimps and prawns from all countries.

This will be an additional requirement to what has been currently imposed by Malaysian authority on importation of meat, edible meat offal, poultry, edible poultry offal, shrimps and prawns such as import permit and Veterinary Health Certificate by Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) for meat and meat products and Import Licence by Fishery Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM) for fish and fish product.

Malaysia has notified The World Trade Organization (WTO) on implementation of this requirement and was published by WTO via its webpage http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_e.htm#doc_meet on 10th. October, 2004 (SPS No. G/SPS/N/MY/18).

2. Food Legislation in Malaysia

The legislation for control and inspection of food in Malaysia is provided by:

- (1) Food Act 1983 (Act 281)
- (2) Food Regulations 1985

Provision on importation of food into Malaysia is stated in Section 29 of the Food Act 1983. The importation of any food which does not comply with the provision of this act and regulations is prohibited.

Regulation 40 of the Food Regulations states the definition of "drug" and "drug residue" and that no person shall import, sell, expose or offer for sale or deliver, any food intended for human consumption which contain the following prohibited drugs:-

- i. β -Agonists
- ii. Nitrofurans and its metabolites
- iii. Chloramphenicol

A soft copy of the Food Act 1983 and Food Regulations 1985 may be obtained from the following webpage:-

<http://www.moh.gov.my/fsq/index.htm>

<http://fsis.moh.gov.my/fqc>

3. Food Groups That Require Health Certificate

- a. All types of fresh, chilled or frozen meat of bovine animals and including buffalo meat.
- b. All types of fresh, chilled or frozen meat of swine.
- c. All types of fresh, chilled or frozen meat of lamb, goats and sheep.
- d. All types of fresh, chilled or frozen poultry meat
- e. Fresh, chilled or frozen edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats
- f. Fresh, chilled or frozen edible offal of poultry.
- g. Other meat and edible offal, fresh, chilled or frozen.
- h. All types of fresh, chilled or frozen prawns and shrimps (including peeled).
- i. All types of semi processed shrimps and prawns.

All commercially sterile, cooked, canned meat products including all types in hermetically sealed containers are exempted from this requirement. In addition to this, the following products are also exempted from health certificate requirement:-

- i. Milk and milk products .
- ii. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk containing meat, shrimps or prawns.
- iii. Sausage and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood or food preparations based on these products.
- iv. Prepared, manufactured or preserved meat.
- v. Extracts and juices of meat or crustaceans.

- vi Dried or preserved shrimps and prawns.
- vii Shipments of products listed in 3(a-i) in transit through Malaysia for shipment to another country.
- viii Shipment of products listed in 3(a-i) which are destined to be used in ships' stores and will not be offered for sale for any other purpose.

For detail items in HS and AHTN Tariff Codes which require health certificate for importation into Malaysia, please refer to Annex A and Annex B.

4. Health Certificate Format

a. Issuing Body/Organization:- Food Safety Agency or competent authority from Exporting country

b. Information required on Health Certificate:-

All the following information as required under Codex Alimentarius guideline for Health Certificate is required to be stated (in English) in the Health Certificate.

- i. Description of Product/Consignment and brand
- ii. Quantity in kilogram (kg)
- iii. Consignment identification or reference number (to be determined by issuing agency)
- iv. Name and Address of slaughterhouse/abattoir or packer
- v. Name and address of exporter
- vi. Port of shipment
- vii. Name and address of importer or destination
- viii. Name of vessel
- ix. Name, designation and official stamp of person issuing Health Certificate
- x. Date of issue
- xi. A specific serial number and official stamp of competent authority which is issuing the Health Certificate.

- xii. A copy of analytical results stating the detection of the drugs concerned.
- xiii. A declaration or statement that the consignment is free from Drugs or Drugs Residue and safe or fit for human consumption or similar meaning.

Examples of declaration or statement that can be used are as follows:-

"I hereby certify that the above mentioned consignment is free for β -Agonists or Nitrofurans and its metabolites or Chloramphenicol (whichever is relevant) and further certify that the attached results of laboratory analysis are from random samples taken from the above consignment"

or

"The products do not contain β -Agonists or Nitrofurans and its metabolites or Chloramphenicol (whichever is relevant)"

- xiv. The number of random samples taken from the consignment for the analysis before the Health Certificate is issued.
- xv. Method of analysis.
- xvi. **Veterinary Health Certificate which is required by Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS) for importation of meat and poultry may be accepted as a Health Certificate if the above declaration and other relevant information in i-xv of this clause are stated on it.**

Analytical results from laboratory analysis may be exempted to exporting countries which implement any internationally recognized veterinary drugs monitoring and surveillance program. Prior approval should be obtain from Food Safety and Quality Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia by submitting all relevant documentation on the monitoring and surveillance program or system implemented.

5. Parameter of Analysis

The following prohibited veterinary Drug Residues are required to be analyzed on every consignment or batch of product to be exported to Malaysia:-

- a. β -Agonists and its salts for meat and edible meat offal
- b. Nitrofurans and its metabolites for poultry meat and edible poultry offal
- c. Chloramphenicol for shrimps and prawns

- d. Any of the above prohibited veterinary Drug Residues in any of the products stated above.

6. Method of Analysis and Detection Limits

Methods used for testing the presence of prohibited veterinary drug residues are able to obtain the lowest possible detection limit with a high degree of certainty on the identity of the drug residues, preferably with the following limits of determination:-

- a. β -Agonist and its salt and metabolites at 1.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ or (ppb)*
- Clenbuterol
 - Salbutamol
 - Terbutaline
- b. Nitrofurantol metabolites at 1.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ or (ppb)*
- Metabolite of Furazolidone (i.e. 3-amino-2-oxazolidinone/AOZ)
 - Metabolite of Furaltidone (i.e. 3-amino-5-morpholinomethyl-2-oxazolidinone/AMOZ)
 - Metabolite of Nitrofurantoin (i.e. 1-aminohydantoin/AHD)
 - Metabolite of Nitrofurazone (i.e. semicarbazide/SEM)
- c. Chloramphenicol and its salts and metabolites at 0.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ or (ppb)*

* (ppb)-part per billion

7. Importation Procedures

A valid Health Certificate is required to be submitted to the Authorized Health Officer at the entry point once custom declaration is made.

8. Date of Implementation

Health Certificate requirement for importation of meat, edible meat offal, poultry, edible poultry offal, shrimps and prawns will be implemented in all entry points throughout Malaysia beginning from 1st. January, 2005.

9. Queries and Contact Person

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Authorised by the Director of Food Safety And Quality Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia.

Date:- 8th. November, 2004

Annex A

**LIST OF HS TARIFF CODE
FOR MEAT, POULTRY MEAT, EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL, EDIBLE POULTRY MEAT
OFFAL, SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS REQUIRE HEALTH CERTIFICATE
FOR IMPORTATION INTO MALAYSIA**

Heading	HS Code	Description
02.01		Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled.
	0201.10.000	-Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0201.20.000	-Other cuts with bone in
	0201.30.000	-Boneless
02.02		Meat of bovine animals, frozen.
	0202.10.000	- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0202.20.000	- Other cuts with bone in
	0202.30.000	- Boneless
02.03		Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen.
		- Fresh or chilled:
	0203.11.000	-- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0203.12.000	-- Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone in
	0203.19.000	-- Other
02.03		Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen.
		- Frozen:
	0203.21.000	-- Carcasses and half carcasses
	0203.22.000	-- Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone in
	0203.29.000	-- Other
02.04		Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.
	0204.10.000	- Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, fresh or chilled
		- Other meat of sheep, fresh or chilled:
	0204.21.000	-- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0204.22.000	-- Other cuts with bone in
	0204.23.000	-- Boneless
	0204.30.000	- Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, frozen
		- Other meat of sheep, frozen:
	0204.41.000	-- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0204.42.000	-- Other cuts with bone in
	0204.43.000	-- Boneless
	0204.50.000	- Meat of goats

02.06 Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.

0206.10.000 - Of bovine animals, fresh or chilled

- Of bovine animals, frozen:

0206.21.000 -- Tongue

0206.22.000 -- Livers

0206.29.000 -- Other

0206.30.000 - Of swine, fresh or chilled

02.06 Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.

- Of swine, frozen:

0206.41.000 -- Livers

0206.49.000 -- Other

0206.80.000 - Other, fresh or chilled

0206.90.000 - Other, frozen

02.07 Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen.

- Of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus:

0207.11.000 -- Not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled

0207.12.000 -- Not cut in pieces, frozen

0207.13.000 -- Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled

0207.14.000 -- Cuts and offal, frozen

- Of turkeys:

0207.24.000 -- Not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled

0207.25.000 -- Not cut in pieces, frozen

0207.26.000 -- Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled

0207.27.000 -- Cuts and offal, frozen:

- Of ducks, geese or guinea fowls:

0207.32.000 -- Not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled:

0207.33.000 -- Not cut in pieces, frozen:

0207.34.000 -- Fatty livers, fresh or chilled

0207.35.000 -- Other, fresh or chilled

0207.36.000 -- Other, frozen:

02.08 Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen.

0208.90.000 - Other

0504.00.000 Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked

03.06 Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption.

- Frozen:

0306.13.000 - - Shrimps and prawns

- Not frozen:

0306.23 - - - Shrimps and prawns:

In shell cooked by steaming or boiling in water, dried, salted or in brine:

0306.23.190 - - other than in airtight container

Other:

0306.23.910 - - fresh, chilled

0306.23.990 - - other

(Kini adalah jumlah tiga ratus & empat puluh)

Form	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
K1	3 cartons	332.00	1002.00
K2	1 carton	332.00	332.00
Total			1334.00

Being charges for custom forms as follows:-

ATA: MS' SUNE ISMAIL

81300 Basir Gudang
 Kawasan Perindustrian Basir Gudang
 BLOK 233, Jalan Keluli 3
 M/s Diberidans Terminal Services Sdn Bhd

Date: 10th July 2003

Annex B

**LIST OF AHTN TARIFF CODE
FOR MEAT, POULTRY MEAT, EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL, EDIBLE POULTRY MEAT
OFFAL, SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS REQUIRE HEALTH CERTIFICATE
FOR IMPORTATION INTO MALAYSIA**

Heading	AHTN Code	Description
02.01		Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled.
	0201.10.00	-Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0201.20.00	-Other cuts with bone in
	0201.30.00	-Boneless
02.02		Meat of bovine animals, frozen.
	0202.10.00	- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0202.20.00	- Other cuts with bone in
	0202.30.00	- Boneless
02.03		Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen.
		- Fresh or chilled:
	0203.11.00	-- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0203.12.00	-- Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone in
	0203.19.00	-- Other
02.03		Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen.
		- Frozen:
	0203.21.00	-- Carcasses and half carcasses
	0203.22.00	-- Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone in
	0203.29.00	-- Other
02.04		Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.
	0204.10.00	- Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, fresh or chilled
		- Other meat of sheep, fresh or chilled:
	0204.21.00	-- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0204.22.00	-- Other cuts with bone in
	0204.23.00	-- Boneless
	0204.30.00	- Carcasses and half-carcasses of lamb, frozen
		- Other meat of sheep, frozen:
	0204.41.00	-- Carcasses and half-carcasses
	0204.42.00	-- Other cuts with bone in
	0204.43.00	-- Boneless
	0204.50.00	- Meat of goats

02.06 Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.

- 0206.10.00 - Of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
 - Of bovine animals, frozen:
- 0206.21.00 - - Tongue
- 0206.22.00 - - Livers
- 0206.29.00 - - Other
- 0206.30.00 - Of swine, fresh or chilled

02.06 Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.

- Of swine, frozen:
- 0206.41.00 - - Livers
- 0206.49.00 - - Other
- 0206.80.00 - Other, fresh or chilled
- 0206.90.00 - Other, frozen

02.07 Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen.

- Of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus:
 - 0207.11.00 - - Not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled
 - 0207.12.00 - - Not cut in pieces, frozen
 - 0207.13.00 - - Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled
 - 0207.14 - - Cuts and offal, frozen:
 - 0207.14.10 - - - Wings
 - 0207.14.20 - - - Thighs
 - 0207.14.30 - - - Livers
 - 0207.14.90 - - - Other
 - Of turkeys:
 - 0207.24.00 - - Not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled
 - 0207.25.00 - - Not cut in pieces, frozen
 - 0207.26.00 - - Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled
 - 0207.27 - - Cuts and offal, frozen:
 - 0207.27.10 - - - Livers
 - 0207.27.90 - - - Other
 - Of ducks, geese or guinea fowls:
 - 0207.32 - - Not cut in pieces, fresh or chilled:
 - 0207.32.10 - - - Of ducks
 - 0207.32.20 - - - Of geese or guinea fowls
 - 0207.33 - - Not cut in pieces, frozen:
 - 0207.33.10 - - - Of ducks
 - 0207.33.20 - - - Of geese or guinea fowls
 - 0207.34.00 - - Fatty livers, fresh or chilled
 - 0207.35.00 - - Other, fresh or chilled

- 0207.36 -- Other, frozen:
- 0207.36.10 --- Fatty livers
- 0207.36.20 --- Cuts of ducks
- 0207.36.30 --- Cuts of geese or guinea fowls

02.08 Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen.

- 0208.90.00 - Other

03.06 Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption.

- Frozen:

- 0306.13.00 -- Shrimps and prawns

- Not frozen:

- 0306.23 -- Shrimps and prawns:
- 0306.23.20 --- Other, live
- 0306.23.30 --- Fresh or chilled
- 0306.23.90 --- Other
- (B) --- Other than in airtight container

REQUIREMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR CRABS ON
IMPORTATION INTO MALAYSIA

We hereby refer to WTO notification on 10th October 2004 (SPS No. G/SPS/N/MY/18) and its webpage http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_esps_e.htm#doc_meet Ministry of Health Malaysia has added another HS and AHTN Tariff Codes to be included as Fish and Fish Products requiring Health Certificate to be presented at import.

This is in view of the importation of crabs that has been found to contain prohibited Antibiotics on routine inspection. This document should be read in conjunction with the previous document which was issued and enforced since 1st January 2005 :
GUIDELINE ON HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT FOR IMPORTATION OF MEAT, EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL, POULTRY, EDIBLE POULTRY OFFAL, SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS INTO MALAYSIA.

Import of Crab and Crab Products as listed below into Malaysia will require Health Certification upon import, except for preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk containing crabs.

- 1) All types of fresh, chilled or frozen crabs (including Peeled)
- 2) All types of semi processed crabs

Parameter of Analysis for crabs :

- a. Chloramphenicol and any other prohibited Veterinary Drug Residues

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<http://fsis.moh.gov.my/fqc>

LIST OF HS AND AHTN TARIFF CODES FOR CRABS REQUIRING HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTATION INTO MALAYSIA

Heading HS Code Description

03.06 Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption.

- Frozen:

0306.14.000 - - Crabs

- Not frozen:

306.24 - - Crabs:

0306.24.100 - - - In airtight containers

0306.24.900 - - - Other

Heading AHTN Code Description

03.06 Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption.

- Frozen:

0306.14.00 - - Crabs

- Not frozen:

0306.24 - - Crabs

0306.24.10 - - - Live

0306.24.20 - - - Fresh or chilled

0306.29.90 - - - Other

(A) - - - In airtight container

(B) - - - Other

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