

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
PIGS (4/4)**

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Any country

II PURPOSE

Research and Development.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS).

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated not more than seven (7) days prior to export and signed or endorsed by the competent Veterinary Authority of the country of export describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification, and the name and address of the premises of origin of each animal, and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) the country is free from **African Swine Fever, Foot and Mouth Disease, Vesicular Stomatitis and Swine Vesicular Disease and Rabies** according to health standards stipulated in the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code,
 - a. In the case of countries not free from Rabies, the animals were kept for the 6 months prior to export in an establishment where separation from wild and feral animals was maintained and where no case of rabies was reported for at least 12 months prior to export.
- (ii) so far as can be determined, the animals have been kept in captivity in the country of export since birth or for at least 6 months prior to export,
- (iii) the animals have been kept in an establishment free of Aujeszky's Disease (AD) since birth and have not been vaccinated against AD,
- (iv) the animals have come from an establishment in which no case of Classical Swine Fever (CSF) was reported during the 12 months prior to shipment,
- (v) the animals have come from an establishment in which no case of Transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE) was reported during the 12 months prior to shipment,
- (vi) the animals have come from an establishment in which no case of infection of Henipah viruses or Menangle virus was reported during the 3 months prior to export,
- (vii) the animals have been kept in an isolation in a facility under veterinary supervision for 21 days continuously prior to export,
- (viii) during the 21-day pre-export isolation period, the animals have been tested with negative results for Porcine Brucellosis using WOAHP prescribed tests,
- (ix) the animals have been tested with negative results for novel H1N1 (2009 strain) using PCR or other validated non-antibody detection tests within 7 days of export,
- (x) the animals have been treated for internal and external parasites using an approved parasiticide and a broad spectrum anthelmintic within 14 days prior to export (active ingredient/s and dosage of parasitic treatments are to be recorded on the Veterinary Certificate),
- (xi) the animals have been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious diseases or external parasites at the time of export,
- (xii) the vehicle for the transport of the animals to the port of embarkation was cleaned and appropriately disinfected prior to loading the consignment, and
- (xiii) during transport to the port of export the animals had no contact with animals not of the same certified health status.

V QUARANTINE

Upon arrival, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of at least 30 days at an NParks/AVS approved quarantine facility. During the period of post-arrival quarantine, the animals may be subjected to any testing prescribed by NParks/AVS at the importer's expense. Animals found to be infected with any diseases of concern may be destroyed at the discretion of Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. The officer-in-charge or supervising veterinarian shall report any sickness or death of the animal to NParks/AVS and such animal may not be disposed of without NParks/AVS's permission. Any animal that died in quarantine shall be sent to an approved laboratory for autopsy at the importer's expense.

VI APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The importer must apply for the import licence at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of arrival of the animals. Online applications can be submitted through GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>).

VII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or agent must make an appointment for the inspection by submitting an online booking request via Intelligent Food Approval & Safety Tracking System (iFAST) at <https://ifast.sfa.gov.sg/eserviceweb/>. Please ensure your NParks/AVS Import licence no. & flight details are ready and fill in the required information on your application. Inspections without any prior appointment will be charged \$80.00/hour or part thereof during office hours.

VIII VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the animals and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised NParks/AVS Officer. If the consignment of animals is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the animals shall be taken straight to the approved quarantine facility and shall not be released from quarantine without the permission of NParks/AVS.

IX PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from NParks/AVS. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

X FEES

Import Licence - see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2.

XI OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) During the period of pre-export and post-arrival quarantine the quarantine premises must only be occupied by animals of that consignment unless otherwise agreed by the supervising veterinarian and NParks/AVS. Quarantine premises must be cleaned and appropriately disinfected prior to the commencement of quarantine and have facilities for veterinary examination and sample collection.
- (ii) The importer must be licensed as an Animal Research Facility by NParks/AVS.
- (iii) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (iv) If the animal dies or is destroyed while under the custody of NParks/AVS, NParks/AVS will not be liable for any compensation.
- (v) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence/permit by NParks/AVS.
- (vi) Pigs must be kept in premises approved by NParks/AVS.

Please note:

Section 72 of the Animals and Birds Act states that:

"(1) Any action taken under the provisions of this Act or of any rule, order or direction made or given thereunder in respect of any animal, bird, carcase, article, building or conveyance shall be at the risk of the owner thereof.

(2) No liability shall attach to the Board or to any officer thereof in respect of any expense, loss, damage or delay arising in or from the lawful exercise of the powers under this Act.

Section 78 of the Animals and Birds Act states that:

"No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Board, the Director-General or any authorised officer, police officer, officer of customs or any other person acting under the direction of the Board or Director-General for anything which is in good faith done in the execution or purported execution of this Act."

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