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**Quarantine of Animal Livestock and Poultry
In Malaysia**

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INTRODUCTION

Animal Quarantine Services of the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Malaysia provide services for quarantine of live animals and birds for the purposes of import and export. The function and activity is governed by the following rules and regulations under which the DVS is empowered to impose the quarantine of animals and birds :

- Animal Ordinance, 1953
- Animal Rules, 1962
- Animal importation Order, 1962
- Federal Animals Quarantine Station (Management and Maintenance) By-Law 1984

The rules and regulations are enforced by the requirement for import & export licences and health certificates to regulate and facilitate the importation or exportation of live animals and birds into or from Malaysia

1.0 PURPOSE OF QUARANTINE

Quarantine plays a pivotal role in the control and prevention of entry and spread of exotic and zoonotic animal diseases into the country. At present, Malaysia is free from major exotic diseases such as foot & mouth disease (except for the States at Malaysia - Thai border), rinderpest, anthrax, contagious bovine and caprine pleuropneumonia, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, rabies, African swine fever, African horse sickness and equine encephalitis and this free status is largely due to the stringent quarantine policies of the country.

Although all animals imported into this country have been certified as healthy and free from infectious and contagious diseases by the veterinary authority in the exporting country, at the time of export, quarantine measures are still necessary. This is to ensure that any animal or bird incubating a disease, is examined further during the period of quarantine.

2.0 QUARANTINE FACILITY

Quarantine facilities are provided at all major entry points into the country such as KLIA Sepang, Kelang Port, Penang, Padang Besar and Rantau Panjang Quarantine Station.

	QUARANTINE STATION	FACILITES
1.	Padang Besar Quarantine Station	Cattle/Buffaloes/Horse/Goats/Sheep/Dogs/Cats/Birds
2.	Rantau Panjang Quarantine Station	Cattle/Buffaloes/Goats/Sheep
3.	Bayan Lepas Quarantine Station	Horses/Dogs/Cats/Birds
4.	Klang Port Quarantine Station	Cattle/Buffaloes/Goats/Sheep/Horses
5.	Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Sepang Quarantine Station	Horses,Dogs,Cats,Birds/Cattle/Sheep/Goats/Rabbit/Wild Live

TABLE 1

Table 1 shows the type of facilities available in various quarantine stations

Beside these quarantine stations, there are other 5 quarantine stations to be established

	QUARANTINE STATION	FACILITES
1.	Labuan Quarantine Station	Horses/Dogs/Cats/Birds
2.	Kuantan Port Quarantine Station	Cattle/Buffaloes/Goats/Sheep/Horses
3.	Bukit Kayu Hitam Quarantine Station	Cattle/Buffaloes/Goats/Sheep
4.	Padang Besar "B" Quarantine Station	Cattle/Buffaloes/Goats/Sheep
5.	Gelang Patah Johore Quarantine Station	Horses/Dogs/Cats/Birds/Cattle/Sheeps/Goats

TABLE 2

Table 2 shows the type of facilities available in the respective quarantine stations.

BY LAND	BY SEA	BY AIR
Padang Besar, Perlis	West Port Klang, Port Kelang	Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Subang Airport
Bukit Kayu Hitam, Kedah	Pasir Gudang Port, Johore	Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Sepang
Rantau Panjang, Kelantan	Kuantan Port, Pahang	Senai International Airport, Johore
Pengkalan Kubor, Kelantan Immigration Station at Bukit Bunga	Kemaman Port, Terengganu	Bayan Lepas International Airport, Penang
Johor Bahru, Johore	Penang and Butterworth Port, Penang	Labuan International Airport, Labuan F.T.

Kompleks Sultan Abu Bakar at Tanjung Kupang	Port of Lumut	
Custom Station at Pengkalan Hulu	Port of Tanjung Pelepas Port of Labuan	

3.0 QUARANTINE FEES

All animals and birds under quarantine are subjected to the quarantine fees as shown in table 5.

Species of Animal/Birds	Quarantine Fees
Dogs -	RM 4.00 per day
large size	RM 3.00 per day
small size	
Cats - all sizes	RM 3.00 per day
Horses	RM 10.00 per day
Cattle/Buffaloes	RM 4.00 per day
Sheep/Goats	RM 1.00 per day
Quarantine Certificate	RM 2.00

4.0 MATERIALS ACCOMPANYING IMPORTED ANIMALS

All materials (hay, feed, plastic, bone etc) accompanying an animal or bird are not permitted to be landed in Malaysia, unless under special permission by the veterinary authority. If landed, it shall be placed under quarantine too and to be dealt with as deemed necessary by the veterinary authority, eg. disinfection or destruction.

5.0 ANIMALS BEFORE QUARANTINE

Owner of such animal or bird should inform the respective quarantine station, either in writing, by telephone or fax at least a month (minimum of 7 days) before the animal/ bird is expected to

arrive in this country. It is also advisable to book for the quarantine facilities prior to making transport for the arrangement in order to ensure the availability of quarantine space. This can be done while applying for an import license.

6.0 ANIMALS DURING QUARANTINE

Owner of such animal or bird may visit their animal/bird during quarantine provided they abide to rules and regulations of the quarantine station. This is important to prevent spread of infectious organism to or from the animal in quarantine. The animal or bird in quarantine may be subjected to such measures as vaccination, blood test or other clinical tests as deemed necessary by the veterinary authority or the quarantine officer incharge. The veterinary authority may order an immediate destruction of any animal or bird found or reasonably believed to be infected with disease or suspected to have been in contact with a diseased animal or bird. No animal/bird shall be released from the quarantine station except upon certification by the veterinary authority or the quarantine officer incharge that the animal/bird is free from disease.

7.0 ANIMALS AFTER QUARANTINE

Owner of such animal or bird should continue to observe the health of the animal/ bird after quarantine and should report to the veterinary authority or the nearest veterinary office if any infectious disease or any abnormal condition is noticed. All animals or birds intended for slaughter must be sent direct to the designated slaughter houses after being released from the quarantine station

8.0 CONCLUSION

The primary purpose of animal quarantine services is the prevent, control and eradicate the introduction and spread of animal diseases, in particular exotic and zoonotic diseases through the importation of live animals into the country.