

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
VETERINARY BIOLOGICS (3/7) -
VACCINES: FINAL LABELLED PRODUCTS (1/3)**

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Any country.

II PURPOSE

Immunization of animals or birds/sale/transshipment/re-export/transit.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore. The licence shall be issued to the current registrant of the product.

IV PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

Each lot/batch of vaccine in the consignment shall be accompanied by a valid quality control certificate signed or endorsed by the Quality Control Manager or other competent personnel as prescribed by the government authority of the country of export and/or in the manufacturer's quality control protocol.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Not required.

VI QUARANTINE ACTION

Each batch/lot of vaccine is subject to sampling for laboratory tests at the discretion of the Quarantine Officer. A receipt will be issued for the type and quantity of vaccines sampled. The importer will not be informed of the results unless they are unsatisfactory and follow-up action is required.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The importer or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through LicenceOne (<http://www.ava.gov.sg/e-services>) 30 days prior to the arrival of consignment.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or his agent shall inform the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Licence as least five (5) working days before the arrival of the consignment of vaccines.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of entry in Singapore the un-opened consignment and accompanying documents (AVA import licence, quality control certificates) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment and documents are found to be in order, the consignment shall be released to the importer.

X REGULATORY ACTION

- (i) unregistered product - the product shall be returned or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services, and the importer/consignee subject to prosecution.
- (ii) improper storage/handling - if the consignment is suspected to have deteriorated during transportation, it shall be detained pending satisfactory potency tests.
- (iii) expired/near expiry - the vaccine shall be destroyed unless the importer can assure that the vaccine would be used before expiry.
- (iv) no QC certificate/certificate not satisfactory - the vaccine shall be detained pending clarification, otherwise it shall be destroyed or returned.
- (v) no import licence - the vaccine may be impounded, and the importer/consignee subject to prosecution.



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XI FEES

- (i) Import Licence - See Fee Schedule: Attachment-2.

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) In accordance with the Animals and Birds Act, "veterinary biologics" means aggressions, serums, viruses, toxins, tuberculin, mallein, Johnin, abortin, **vaccines**, micro-organisms either living or killed, and products of micro-organisms intended for use in the treatment or diagnosis of diseases of animals and birds.
- (ii) In accordance with Section 55 of the Animals and Birds Act, no person shall have in his possession any veterinary biologics or inoculate any animal or bird with any veterinary biologics unless he has been licensed in that behalf by the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services.
- (iii) Application for a license to possess veterinary biologics may be made at the Licensing Department, Agri Establishment Regulation Group.
- (iv) Only products registered with the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore for the purpose approved may be imported. Application to register any vaccine may be made at the Import & Export Regulation Department, Quarantine & Inspection Group. For Application fee, please see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2. Registered products not imported for more than two years are automatically removed from the register unless a new application is received before then.
- (v) "Final labelled product" means the product is in a form and packaging ready for immunization.
- (vi) Veterinary biologics should not be sent by post.
- (vii) Regulations are subject to change without notice.

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