SFA Export Library Market Reports on Food Import Regulations and Standards

Country of Origin	Singapore (SG)
Country of Destination	Malaysia (MY)
Food Product Category	Meat and Meat Products
Product Code	HS Codes: 0201 – 0210, 1501 – 1503, 1506, 1516, 1518, 1601/02

The information in this document has been compiled and provided by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). SFA emphasises that importers and exporters have the responsibility to find out the import requirements of destination countries/regions/markets. Exporters are advised to confirm with their importers on the import requirements and eligibility of their product before exporting.

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1	**Product eligibility / ineligibility**	Processed pork products are eligible for export from Singapore to Malaysia. Meat and other meat products are not eligible for export from Singapore to Malaysia. Exporter should check with your importer regarding the import requirements and eligibility of your product. Customs (Prohibition of Imports) Order 2023 describes those meat and meat products which are prohibited to be imported into Malaysia from all countries except in the manner provided in the Third Schedule. The importer must comply with the import procedures.
2	**Importing country authority**	The Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (MAFI) is responsible for the regulation of the import of meat and meat products into Peninsular Malaysia. DVS Sabah under MAFI is responsible for the regulation of the import of meat and meat products into Sabah, Malaysia. DVS Sarawak under MAFI is responsible for the regulation of the import of meat and meat products into Sarawak, Malaysia. Each consignment of meat and meat products shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by - Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) for importation into Peninsular Malaysia - DVS Sabah for importation into Sabah, Malaysia - State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak for importation into Sarawak, Malaysia

		The Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM) is the government agency that enforces the supervision and management of halal food production throughout the country. All meat and meat based products (namely poultry meat and their products; ruminant meat and their products (e.g. beef, lamb, mutton, chevron, venison); rabbit meat and their products) except pork intended to be exported to Malaysia shall comply with the import requirements (where overseas facilities must comply with Malaysian Protocol for Halal Meat and Poultry Productions and be certified to MS 1500:2019 Halal food - General requirements (Third revision)) as set out by JAKIM.
3	**Pre-export approvals by the importing country**	**Product** The import of meat and products of animal origin (which include meat products) are subject to two key requirements: - sanitary and phytosanitary measures and veterinary requirements stated in the Animals Act 1953 [Act 647], Animal Welfare Enactment 2015, Veterinary Public Health Ordinance 1999 [Sarawak Chapter 32], Abattoirs (Privatization) Act 1993 [Act 507], Animals (Control of Slaughter) Rules 2009, Food Act 1983 [Act 281] and Food Regulations 1985 (including Food (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020) AND - halal requirements underpinned by Malaysian Standard MS 1500:2019 Halal food - General requirements (Third revision). The general procedure to import meat products into Malaysia are as follows: - General Procedure to Import Pork Meat to Malaysia - General Procedure to Import Meat, Poultry, Milk, and Eggs Products to Malaysia **Establishment** Overseas establishments (abattoirs and processing plants) must be inspected and approved by DVS before exporting to Malaysia. The list of establishments approved to export fresh/chilled/frozen meat can be viewed here. No Singapore establishment has been approved. Establishment listing is also required for processed meat products exported from Singapore to Malaysia. However, there is no publicly available list of approved companies for processed meat products.

		Implementation of Inspection Services at Foreign Abattoirs and Processing Plants for Export of Meat and Products of Animal Origin to Malaysia outlines the obligations, requirements, and application procedures (including audits and on-site inspections conducted by two agencies) that establishments must fulfil. DVS makes veterinary assessment on all meat while JAKIM makes halal assessment on qualifying meat. Meat other than pork must be halal certified to MS 1500:2019. For more information about halal requirements (including halal certification), establishments should study the Halal Malaysia Office Portal and Procedure on Certifications Flow Chart. For more information about veterinary requirements, establishments should study the import application forms. Establishment related to meat and meat products must complete the relevant application forms: - Application Form for Export of Pork and Offal into Malaysia - Application Form for Renewal Export of Pork and Offal into Malaysia - Application for Export of Meat, Poultry, Milk, Egg and Products to Malaysia - Application for Renewal Export of Meat, Poultry, Milk, Egg and Products to Malaysia - Application for Additional Products / Change New Product Name / Change Formula from Recognised Foreign Abattoirs and Processing Plants Establishment should submit the completed DVS forms online to SFA, as the food safety competent authority of the exporting country will verify the information before endorsing it and sending to the DVS for review and final decision. Please note that the submission and review will take time and require an on-site inspection by the foreign authority. Approved export establishments are also subject to periodic audits or inspections by the DVS to ensure compliance to their regulations and standards. **Importer** **(1)Importer Registration** The Food Safety and Quality Division under the Ministry of Health (MOH) manages the import of food through the FoSIM system. All importers must apply for an account and register with MOH.

		(2)Import Permit According to the Matrix for Importation of Foods, respective federal and state authorities will handle the import of food as follows: - In Peninsular Malaysia and Lahuan, the import of animal based product requires import permit issued by the MAQIS under the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Act 2011 [Act 728]. - In Sabah, Malaysia, the import of meat and meat product (i) requires an import permit issued by DVS Sabah under the Animal Welfare Enactment 2015, and (ii) subject to inspection and approval from Department of Veterinary Services Sabah. - In Sarawak Malaysia, the import of meat and meat product (i) requires an import permit issued by or on behalf of the State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak under the Veterinary Public Health Ordinance 1999 [Sarawak Chapter 32], and (ii) subject to inspection and approval by the State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak. In addition, Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak may request for additional SPS risk audit if required, as Sarawak is still Food-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) free without vaccination.
4	**Export certificates for food**	**(1)Health Certificate** A valid Export Health Certificate issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment of heat-processed pork products. For exports that require an Export Health Certificate, you may forward the import permit / conditions to SFA here. For imports into Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, Malaysia: Regulations for the Importation of Pork or Pork Products into Malaysia and Regulations for the Importation of Poultry or Bird Carcasses, Products or Parts Thereof into Malaysia provide the attestations to be included in the health certificate which must be signed or endorsed by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country. For imports into Sarawak, Malaysia: Regulations for the Importation of Cooked or Heat-Processed Pork Products into Sarawak Malaysia (from all countries), Regulations for the Importation of Smoked, Cured, and Soaked in Brine Pork Products into Sarawak Malaysia (from all countries), and Regulations for the Importation of Pork and Parts Thereof From Overseas Into Sarawak Malaysia, under the published list of import conditions and regulations, provide attestations to be included in the health certificate which must be signed or endorsed by a competent veterinary authority of the exporting country.

		Additional documentation under specific import requirement (also mentioned in USDA FAIRS Export Certificate Report) states that additional attestation is required for Malaysia's import of edible meat and meat offal as well as edible poultry and poultry offal on the Health Certificate: - Edible meat and meat offal do not contain prohibited drug (namely beta agonists) as set out in Table II to the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985. - Edible poultry and poultry offal do not contain prohibited drug (namely nitrofurans and its metabolites) as set out in Table II to the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985. According to the Matrix for Importation of Foods, certain food requires additional attestation in the Health Certificate. - Meat and edible meat offal must comply with the Regulations 141-155 and the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985. - Poultry and edible poultry offal must comply with the Regulations 141-155 and the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985. The following general conditions must be met by the exporter for the issuance of Health Certificate for heat-processed pork products: 1. The product(s) originate from Singapore and are manufactured at an establishment licensed by SFA. 2. The meat ingredient(s) used in the manufacturing of the product have documents traceable to the country of origin and certifying that the meat is/are subjected to ante-mortem and post-mortem veterinary inspection and is/are found to be free from contagious and infectious diseases. 3. No other type of meat except pork was used in the preparation of the product. 4. The product(s) have not been treated with chemical preservatives or other foreign substance injurious to health, and do not contain drug residues (beta agonist). 5. The product(s) have been prepared, processed, and packed in a sanitary manner, fit for human consumption.

		For other meat products, it will depend on the import conditions set by Malaysia's authorities. SFA will determine if the conditions can be met for the issuance of Health Certificate. Should Malaysia's prior agreement be required, this process can take several months to years. **(2)Meat Inspection Certificate** A valid Meat Inspection Certificate issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment of meat and meat products. Regulations for the Importation of Pork or Pork Products into Malaysia and Regulations for the Importation of Poultry or Bird Carcasses, Products or Parts Thereof into Malaysia provide the attestations to be included in the meat inspection certificate which must be signed or endorsed by a competent meat inspector of the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country. **(3)Halal Certificate** A valid Halal Certificate issued by the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) is required for each consignment of meat and meat products. MUIS is recognised through Recognised Foreign Halal Certification Body (FHCB) by JAKIM as one of the recognized foreign halal certification body. Regulations for the Importation of Poultry or Bird Carcasses, Products or Parts Thereof into Malaysia provides the attestations to be included in the halal certificate which must be signed or endorsed by competent personnel of the registered Islamic Organisation of the exporting country.
5	**Regulations and standards**	Interested exporters who wish to export meat and meat products to Malaysia must meet all their regulations and standards. The following links are provided as a guide: **(1)Pesticide Residue** According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, no person shall import, prepare for sale, or sell any food containing pesticide residue in proportion greater than that as set out in the Sixteenth Schedule. In the case where the pesticide is not specified in the Sixteenth Schedule, the pesticide residue shall

		not exceed the limit as recommended in the Codex Alimentarius. If neither the Sixteenth Schedule nor the Codex Alimentarius has specified the pesticide residue limit, the residue should not exceed 0.01mg/kg of food. **(2)Veterinary Drug Residue** According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, “drug residue" refers to the parent compounds of the drug and/or their metabolites in any edible portion of the animal product, and include residues of associated impurities of the drug concerned. No person shall import, sell, expose or offer for sale or delivery any food intended for human consumption which contains drug residues greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in Table I to the Fifteenth A Schedule and prohibited drugs listed in Table II. **(3)Contaminants** According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, no one shall import, prepare, or advertise for sale or sell any food with metal contaminant greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in Table I to the Fourteenth Schedule and any food which contains 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD) greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in the Fourteenth A Schedule. **(4)Microorganism and Toxins** According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, "microorganisms and their toxins" include bacteria, fungi, and their toxins. No one shall import, prepare, or advertise for sale or sell any food for consumption that is contaminated with pathogenic microorganisms and any food which contains bacteria greater than the numbers as set out in Table I to the Fifteenth Schedule and any food which contains mycological contaminant greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in Table II. **(5)Food Additives** According to Part V Food Additive and Added Nutrient of the Food Regulations 1985, “food additive” means any substance that is intentionally introduced into or on a food in small quantities in order to affect the foods keeping quality, texture, consistency, appearance, odour, taste, alkalinity, or acidity, or to serve any other technological function in the manufacture, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport, or storage of the food, and that results or may be reasonably expected to result directly or indirectly in the substance or any of its by-products becoming a component of, or otherwise affecting the characteristics of, the

		food, and includes any preservative, colouring substance, flavouring substance, flavour enhancer, antioxidant and food conditioner, but shall not include nutrient supplement, incidental constituent or salt. The Sixth Schedule lists the permitted preservative that may be added to specific food and the maximum permitted proportion. The Seventh Schedule lists the permitted colouring substance. The Eighth Schedule lists the prohibited flavouring substance and the maximum permitted proportion of natural flavouring substance. The Ninth Schedule lists the permitted flavour enhancer. The Tenth Schedule lists the permitted antioxidant that may be added to specific food and the maximum permitted proportion. The Eleventh Schedule lists the permitted food conditioner. No person shall import, manufacture, advertise for sale or sell or introduce into or on any food any permitted food additive which does not comply with the standard prescribed in the Food Regulations 1985 and Codex Alimentarius. According to Part V Food Additive and Added Nutrient of the Food Regulations 1985, "added nutrient" include mineral, vitamin, amino acid, fatty acid, nucleotide or other food components which, when added singly or in combination to food, improves the nutritional value of the food. The Twelfth Schedule lists the permitted added nutrient. No food shall contain vitamin and mineral in an amount which exceeds the amount specified in Table II to the Twelfth Schedule. **(6)Probiotic Culture** According to Part V Food Additive and Added Nutrient of the Food Regulations 1985, "probiotic culture" means living microorganisms which when administered in adequate numbers confer health benefits on the host. The Twelfth A Schedule specifies the permitted probiotic cultures. The probiotic cultures added shall remain viable and the viable probiotic count shall not be less than 10^6 CFU/ml or CFU/g during the shelf life of such food. The probiotic cultures shall not contain transmissible antibiotic-resistant genes. **(7)Product Standard** Meat and Meat Product Regulations 141 to 155 under Part VIII Standards and Particular Labelling Requirements for Foods of the Food Regulations 1985 stipulate the product standards of meat or fresh meat, chilled meat, frozen meat, minced meat or ground meat, meat product, meat paste, manufactured meat, smoke meat,

		canned meat, canned meat with other food, meat extract or meat essence, edible gelatin, meat or meat product shall not contain oestrogen residue, and particular labelling requirements of meat and meat product. In particular, no meat or meat product shall contain residue of the following compounds: a) diethylstilbestrol [3, 4-bis (p-hydroxyphenyl)-3-hexene]; b) hexoestrol [3, 4-bis (p-hydroxyphenyl)-n-hexane]; c) dienoestrol [3, 4-bis (p-hydroxyphenyl)-2, 4-hexadiene].
6	**Labelling, packaging and marking requirements**	**(1)Labelling** The labeling of food must comply with the Food Act 1983 [Act 281] and Food Regulations 1985. Part IV Labelling of the Food Regulations 1985 contains regulations on general requirements for labelling of food, including the language to be used, particulars in labelling, form and manner of labelling, size and color of letters, date marking, statement of strength of ingredient, packaging on retail premises, exemption from certain regulations, matter forbidden on any label, claims on the label, nutrition labelling, nutrient content claim, nutrient comparative claim, and nutrient function claim. The Trade Descriptions (Marking of Pre-packaged Goods) Order 2023 stipulate requirements for minimum size of letters, tolerable deficiency, and sampling plan. According to Information Related to The Requirements of Labelling, products imported into Malaysia with effect from 1 Jan 2024 must meet the requirements of the Food (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020. According to Part V Packaging and Labelling Requirements of the Food Irradiation Regulations 2011, the following appropriate statement shall be marked on the sales package of irradiated food immediately adjacent to the food name, and the font shall not be less than 10 font size: "TREATED WITH IONIZING RADIATION"; “TREATED WITH IRRADIATION”; “TREATED BY IRRADIATION”; or "IRRADIATED". If the food uses irradiated raw materials and the content of irradiated raw materials exceeds 5%, it shall be declared "irradiated (terdapat)" in the ingredient list. According to Part IV Labelling of the Food Regulations 1985, food and food ingredients obtained through modern biotechnology shall contain prescribed labelling particulars. Guidelines on labelling of foods and food ingredients obtained through modern biotechnology also provide good information on labelling of such food. **(2)Packaging**

		According to Part VI Packages for Food of the Food Regulations 1985, no person shall import, manufacture, advertise for sale or sell, or use or cause or permit to be used in the preparation, packaging storage delivery or exposure of food for sale, any package, appliance, container or vessel that yield or could yield to its contents, any toxic, injurious or tainting substances, or which contributes to the deterioration of the food.
7	**Other information**	**General Import Conditions** Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures What You Need to Know Before Importing Code of Veterinary Practice for Meat Processing Plant Code of Veterinary Practice for Poultry Processing Plant General Procedure to Import Meat, Poultry, Milk, and Egg Products to Malaysia General Procedure to Import Pork Meat to Malaysia **Direct Shipment for Transportation** Regulations for the Importation of Pork or Pork Products into Malaysia stipulates that each consignment of pork or pork products imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship or aircraft or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia. Regulations for the Importation of Poultry or Bird Carcasses, Products or Parts Thereof into Malaysia stipulates that each consignment of poultry or bird carcasses, products or parts thereof imported into Malaysia shall be carried by ship, aircraft, or any vehicle direct to the prescribed landing place in Malaysia. **Use of Local Agent** Regulations for the Importation of Pork or Pork Products into Malaysia and Regulations for the Importation of Poultry or Bird Carcasses, Products or Parts Thereof into Malaysia stipulate that all applications for importation of pork or pork products as well as poultry or bird carcasses, products or parts thereof into Malaysia shall be made by writing direct to the Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia (for imports into Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, Malaysia) or State Veterinary Authority, Sarawak (for imports into Sarawak, Malaysia). All importation must be through the local agent or a Malaysian registered company.

		WTO Import Licensing Procedures Malaysia's legislation and notifications **ASEAN resources on prepared / processed foods** - Regulation - Malaysia (contains a comprehensive list of regulations, standards, and decrees in static PDF files) **ASEAN Trade Repository** - ASEAN Member States' National Trade Repositories - Search Harmonised Standards in ASEAN **USDA Gain Reports** - Malaysia FAIRS Country Report provides guidelines on Malaysia's food import requirements to American exporters - Malaysia FAIRS Export Certificate Report Annual provides information on the export certification requirements of Malaysia - Revised Malaysian Labelling Requirements Effective January 1 underscores the new labelling requirements (including mandatory nutritional labels and quantitative ingredients declaration for ingredients that are essential to characterize the food) **Contact Information** Department of Veterinary Services Ministry of Agriculture & Food Industries Wisma Tani, Blok Podium, Lot 4G1, Presint 4, Federal Government Administrative Center, 62624 Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: (603) 8870 2000 Fax: (603) 8888 6021 Email: pro@dvs.gov.my

Flow Chart for Importation Meat and Meat Product to Malaysia

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