

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
VETERINARY BIOLOGICS (4/7) -
VACCINES: BULK/UNLABELLED PRODUCTS (2/3)**

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Any country.

II PURPOSE

Further manufacturing, processing, labelling.

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS). The licence shall be issued to the registrant of the product. The registrant must be licensed also for the specified purpose.

IV VETERINARY 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 GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>) 30 days prior to the arrival of consignment.

VIII 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.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of entry in Singapore the un-opened consignment and accompanying documents (NParks/AVS 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, Animal Health and Welfare, 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) invalid or no QC certificate - 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.
- (vi) Final products of further manufacturing and/or processing shall be subject to satisfactory sterility, purity, and potency tests before release. Final products of labelling shall be subject to satisfactory potency tests before release. Results shall be submitted to the Centre for Animal & Veterinary Sciences (CAVS).

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, Animal Health and Welfare.
- (iii) Application for a license to possess veterinary biologics may be made at NParks/AVS.
- (iv) Only products registered with the NParks/AVS for the purpose approved may be imported. Application to register any vaccine may be made at NParks/AVS. 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 products" means the product is in a form and packaging ready for use.
- (vi) Veterinary biologics should not be sent by post.
- (vii) Regulations are subject to change without notice.

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