

NEW IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS INTO MALAYSIA, 2021

- 1.0 The importation of grains and grain products to Malaysia is subjected to the Plant Quarantine Act 1976 and Plant Quarantine Regulations 1981 as well as the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) Act 2011 (Act 728) where the importation shall be free from plant pests and diseases. The MAQIS Act 2011 (Act 728) requires an import permit for the importation of any plant, animal, carcass, fish, agricultural product, soil, or microorganism.
- 2.0 The importation of these grains can be a pathway to the entry of harmful pests such as Khapra Beetle and other storage product pests into the country. Due to this reason, the importation of grains from Khapra beetle host countries into Malaysia shall be accompanied by Phytosanitary Certificate (PC).
- 3.0 Following the increased risk of pests and interception of contaminants from the importation of these grains and grain products, Malaysia has strengthened its grain import requirements in 2014, where Import Permit (IP) and PC were imposed for the importation of soybeans and corn for any processing purpose.
- 4.0 Import conditions of these grains and grain products will be reviewed from time to time due to continuous non-compliance to import conditions, including the interception of stored product pests and contaminants (husks, straw, panicle, weed seeds, plant debris, and others).
- 5.0 Importation of grains and grain products (all forms) from all countries for processing will require an Import Permit (IP) issued by MAQIS and a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) from the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country beginning from 1st April 2021.

- 6.0 This measure is expected to overcome any confusion related to Import Permit (IP) and Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) requirements for grain and grain products importation by importers, exporters, and NPPOs.
- 7.0 Commodities that are classified as grains for this purpose are listed under **Chapter 10** (Cereals), **Chapter 11** (Products of The Milling Industry; Malt; Starches; Inulin; Wheat Gluten) and **Chapter 12** (Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits; Miscellaneous Grains, Seeds and Fruit; Industrial or Medicinal Plants; Straw and Fodder).
- 8.0 With regard to this new measure, it is anticipated that there will be minimal impact on grain imports into the country as these changes will only involve documentation requirements (IP and PC) and no changes to phytosanitary requirements. For example, the NPPO of exporting countries do not have to declare any specific pest (pests of concern) in the Additional Declaration (AD) and no quarantine treatment needs to be specified in the PC. The NPPO of the exporting country shall only require to carry out inspections and verify that the consignment is free of stored product pests, plant debris, and weed seeds contamination.
- 9.0 This notification is made according to the requirements of the current import conditions, where IP and PC requirements are necessary for the importation of grain in all forms. In addition, this will increase the efficiency of the inspection procedure at entry points.

CHAPTER 10 : CEREALS			
10.01			Wheat and meslin.
10.02			Rye.
10.03			Barley.
10.04			Oats.
10.05			Maize (corn).
10.06			Rice.
10.07			Grain sorghum.
10.08			Buckwheat, millet and canary seeds; other cereals.

CHAPTER 11 : PRODUCTS OF THE MILLING INDUSTRY; MALT; STARCHES; INULIN; WHEAT GLUTEN			
1101.	00	000	Wheat or meslin flour.
11.02			Cereal flours other than of wheat or meslin.
11.03			Cereal groats, meal and pellets.
11.04			Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example, hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or kibbled), except rice of heading 10.06; germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground.
11.05			Flour, meal, powder flakes, granules and pellets of potatoes.
11.06			Flour, meal and powder of the dried leguminous vegetables of heading 07.13, of sago or of roots or tubers of heading 07.14 or of the products of Chapter 8.
11.07			Malt, whether or not roasted.
11.08			Starches; inulin.
1109.	00	000	Wheat gluten, whether or not dried.

CHAPTER 12 : OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUITS; MISCELLANEOUS GRAINS, SEEDS AND FRUIT; INDUSTRIAL OR MEDICINAL PLANTS; STRAW AND FODDER			
12.01			Soya beans, whether or not broken.
12.02			Ground-nuts, not roasted or otherwise cooked, whether or not shelled or broken.
1204.	00	000	Linseed, whether or not broken.
12.05			Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken.
1206.	00	000	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken.
12.07			Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether or not broken.