

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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To: All operators of DAFM-approved pigmeat establishments

Subject: Agreement on the export of pork/pork products to Malaysia

Introduction

This notice is to advise that, following an inspection of applicant pigmeat establishments during the summer, the audited abattoirs have been approved by the Malaysian competent authority, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS). The period of accreditation is normally 3 years but may be shortened depending on the disease situation in the supplier country.

The individual approval certificates for each plant define eligible product as chilled and frozen pork cuts and parts.

The 4 approved and registered pigmeat plants are listed at this link: [DVS list - Approved IE plants](#)

Role of the Food Business Operator (FBO)

FBOs must be familiar with the [Guideline Requirement for Importation of Meat and Meat Product to Malaysia](#). This document outlines the minimum requirements for exporting pork to Malaysia.

Prior to exporting pork to Malaysia, an establishment that has been approved by DVS Malaysia must draw up, in consultation with the supervising Veterinary Inspector, an SOP describing the measures it will implement to ensure compliance with certification conditions.

Approved establishments are subject to an annual performance evaluation which must be carried out by DAFM for submission to DVS.

Operators of approved enterprises must also inform DVS through DAFM of:

- A change in management;
- A change in scope/activity;
- Major renovation work to upgrade the plant or increase production; or if
- The establishment has closed or ceased operation.

DVS will conduct a review audit of registered establishments in the third year of approval validity. Each establishment seeking to renew its export approval must submit a fresh application, through DAFM, at least six months prior to the expiry date. Failure to submit a timely renewal application will result in removal from the DVS approved list.

FBOs should be aware that exported product may be subject to port of entry testing and must be labelled in accordance with EU requirements and the Malaysian labelling requirements listed in the table below.

Item	Description/Example
Designation of the food/Common Name	Must be specific to the cut/product, e.g. "Pork belly"
"Contains..." statement	e.g. "Contains Pork"
Ingredients	Listed in descending order by weight. Not required where only meat is shipped.

Allergen Statement	Must list allergens where relevant.
Presence of Edible oil/fat	List oils/fats and their source where relevant.
Food Additives Statement	List these where relevant.
Weight/Volume	This is the minimum net weight/volume.
Name and Address; Origin	For imported foods, two names/addresses are needed: 1. That of the manufacturer, packer or owner of the rights of manufacture, or their representative; & 2. That of the importer in Malaysia. 3. For fresh meat, include the name of the abattoir that prepared the meat. The country of origin of the food should also be stated.
Date Marking	One of the following dates must appear on packaging in a bold non-serif, minimum 6-point font: 1. USE BY; or 2. BEST BEFORE (if frozen). It must be permanently marked on the package. If the validity of the date marking is dependent on storage, directions for storage must also be included.
Nutritional Labelling	Not relevant to fresh meat.

Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC)

The agreed certificate is for pork and pork products. All pigmeat for export to Malaysia must originate from pigs that have been continuously resident from birth on registered farms in Ireland. The remaining attestations concern standard animal and public health conditions for the species.

An import permit is required for customs clearance and market access. Permits are issued by an online system and must be obtained for every consignment prior to importation by a registered importer/forwarding agent in Malaysia. Queries on the eligibility of pork products allowed entry to Malaysia should be clarified during the e-permit application process or directed to the Import/Export Section of DVS – skie@dvs.gov.my.

Copies of the VHC, printed on secure stationery, will be made available on request to certifying officers at eligible plants through the usual channels.

A specimen copy of the bilateral VHC, which is effective immediately, is published concurrently with this notice.

Meat Market Access Section
Meat & Milk Policy Division
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