

**IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF  
AROWANA AND HARD CORAL (SPECIES UNDER CITES LIST)**

A. Live Fish : Arowana And Hard Coral (Species Under CITES List)

B. Country of Export : All

C. Purpose : Culture

D. Regulations for Importation :

**1. Basic Requirement impose by Department of Fisheries Malaysia**

- 1.1 Importers must be registered with:
  - 1.1.1 Department of Fisheries Malaysia (for peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak)
  - 1.1.2 Department of Fisheries Sabah
  - 1.1.3 Department of Agriculture Sarawak for inland fisheries
- 1.2 Importers must have a quarantine area approved by Central Competent Authority of Malaysia
- 1.3 The consignment shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Director General of Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services, Malaysia or Director of Fisheries Sabah or Director of Agriculture Sarawak
- 1.4 Health Certificate must be issued by Competent Authority from exporting country and still valid.
- 1.5 Importers must apply CITES Permit and must be valid

**2. Description of Animal**

- 2.1 No. PIT (Passive Intergrated Tag) must be implanted in each Arowana
- 2.2 Hard coral must be tagged

**3. Animal Health Certification Requirements for Import of Live Ornamental Fish Into Malaysia (WTO G/SPS/N/MYS/20-Add 2)**

The importation shall be accompanied by an original copy of health certificate issued by the competent authority (CA) of the exporting country in English, and providing information on the following:

1. Name and address of exporter
2. Name and address of destination/importer
3. Name (scientific and common name), size and number of live fish.
4. Origin of the live fish.
5. The live fish must come from an officially recognized country, zone, farm or establishment unaffected by the OIE listed diseases. The live fish have been subjected to an aquatic animal health surveillance programme according to the procedures as described in the "*Aquatic Animal Health Code*" from *Office International Des Epizooties* (OIE).
6. The live fish have been inspected by the competent authority of the exporting country within 72 hours of export date and showed no clinical sign of diseases.
7. The live fish must not come from any source that had an unusual mortality during the previous six (6) months, which the cause could not be confirmed. The fish have not been subjected to any prohibitions due to unresolved increased mortality.
8. Live fish must be quarantined for at least 14 days in approved quarantine area in the exporting country and showed no clinical sign of diseases prior to export.
9. Exporting country shall ensure that the fish consignment originated from OIE listed diseases free country, zone, farm or establishment. There should not be any disease outbreak for a period of two years prior to export.

#### **4. Quarantine Period**

The imported live fish is subjected to quarantine at the registered importer's premise for 7 days. Registered importers shall also comply to any post import measures imposed by the Department of Fisheries.

#### **5. Labeling of consignments**

5.1 The consignment is identified by a legible label on the exterior of every packing bag or container with the following information:

5.2 Name of aquaculture establishment (arowana)

5.3 Source : wild harvest or propogated (hard coral)

5.3 Name of importer

1.4 Commodity

#### **6. Other Conditions**

**6.1** The consignment is accompanied with health certificates, Certificate of Origin, Import Permit, Invoice, Packing List and Billing Flight or Bill of Lading.

**6.2** Each species and number of fish in the consignment is as listed in the Health Certificate, Invoice and packing list.

**6.3** The commodity clearly labelled on each box as follows:

- CITES species should be labelled with the CITES species or Arowana/ Hard Coral.

#### **7. Permit Fee**

The following fee is payable for each consignment Permit Fee : RM 15.00

CITES Permit Fee : RM50.00

Sabah Permit Fee : RM5.00

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**Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Malaysia**