

DOCUMENT REFERENCE

Code :BRN1000

Date :14/07/10

Page :1/3

This table summarises the general requirements and standards for food and agricultural imports into Brunei.

Certification/ Requirements	Remarks
Food Laws/Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standards and technical regulations are the responsibility of Ministry of DevelopmentFood traders and importers are required to comply with the Public Health (Food) Act 1998 and Public Health (Food), 2000 (available at http://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/bru91337.pdf) besides meeting the food import requirement.Application for Registration of food import approval is free. Registration Letter will be issued within 5 to 7 working days from date of application received provided that all the required details are furnished.
Regulatory/Enforcement Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Agriculture & Agrifood (http://www.agriculture.gov.bn/)<ul style="list-style-type: none">under the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (http://www.industry.gov.bn/)Issues import permits for foodThe Plant Quarantine Unit (http://www.agriculture.gov.bn/DOA2009/contents/plant_quarantine.html) is responsible for implementing phytosanitary regulationsThe Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health (http://www.moh.gov.bn) is one of the agencies responsible in controlling the importation of food into Brunei<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Food Quality Control Division aims to prevent and control food-borne diseases through a better control of food quality and food safety and at the same time, promoting public awareness
Import Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Import permit issued by the Agriculture Department is required for<ul style="list-style-type: none">eggs for hatching purposesfresh eggs (unless such eggs are clearly stamped "imported" with non-erasable ink or similar substance - in order to track out the source of supply and prevent illegal cross-bordering movements of eggs of unknown sanitary status and to ensure conformity with veterinary and sanitary requirements.)live cattleany other animals, poultry and birds (including from Sabah and Sarawaklive insects, invertebrate animals in any stage of their life cycles

DOCUMENT REFERENCE

Code :BRN1000

Date :14/07/10

Page :2/3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- any living plant or planting material, including from Sabah and Sarawak, and seeds for germinating, and commercial shipments of fruit and vegetables.
Import License for Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricted for religious reasons under the Customs Prohibitions and Restriction of Imports and Exports Amended Order of 1990, which subjects imports of alcohol to a licence issued by the Controller
Import License for Meat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issued by the Minister of Religious Affairs (http://www.religious-affairs.gov.bn/)• Required for meat, meat products and edible offal, including poultry meat and its products• The Ministry of Religious Affairs , Ministry of Health, and Department of Agriculture, and Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, restrict the importation of beef and poultry including the carcass of the animal or any part thereof, the meat whether frozen, chilled or fresh, bones, hide, skin, hooves, horns, offal or any other part of the animal or any portion thereof, unless it has been slaughtered in an abattoir approved in writing by the Minister of Religious Affairs
Certificate of Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agricultural products may be imported subject to certificate of origin requirements.
Health Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health certificates are required for beef and poultry• Inedible tallow must be accompanied by a sterilization certificate
Phytosanitary certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required for imported plants and plant materials• Issued by the Department of Agriculture
Veterinary Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under Regulations ruling the Quarantine and Prevention of Animal Diseases, all import of dogs, cats and related species must be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate and a certificate from the Veterinary authority of the exporting country stating that the country is free from rabies for a period of six months prior to exportation.
Halal Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In conformity with the Emergency (Halal Meat) Order, 1998, "halal" imported meat must originate from facilities which have been approved by Brunei authorities as "halal"
Labelling	
Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepacked foods imported, sold and distributed are required to comply with labelling requirements as laid down under Regulation 9, Public Health (Food) Regulation, 2000

DOCUMENT REFERENCE

Code :BRN1000

Date :14/07/10

Page :3/3

Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labels must be written in Malay or English
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of food• List of ingredients• Net/drained content• Details of the manufacturer/importer• Country of origin• Lot identification• Best before date• Storage and use instructions etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imports of meats and products containing meat must conform to labelling requirements approved by the Board for Issuing Halal Import Permits. As for food with animal or alcohol content, the origin of both animal or alcohol must also be indicated; imported eggs must be clearly marked "imported" to distinguish them from locally produced eggs.
Other Information	
Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspection is conducted by the Health Department (for pharmaceuticals and mineral water), and the Department of Agriculture (for beef, plant and plant materials)• Imported live animals are subject to veterinary inspection at the border, with the exception of those imported from Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, the United Kingdom; for other countries that are free from rabies, animals may be subject to quarantine for six months upon arrival.
Ban on Poultry Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to the risk of transmission of the Avian Influenza virus to humans through consumption of infected poultry products, a ban is set on the importation of all types of poultry products including those live and frozen and all types of poultry eggs from all countries affected by and suspected of having cases of Avian Influenza.

Reference: Department of Agriculture & Agrifood (<http://www.agriculture.gov.bn/>)
Non-Tariff Measures in Brunei Darussalam (www.bimp-eaga.org/docs/1_DOC_Brunei%20NTMs.doc)

DISCLAIMER:

This document has been prepared by SPRING Singapore with the intention of assisting Singapore based exporters of food products. While every possible care has been taken in the preparation of this document, the information may not be completely accurate as policies may have changed or clear and consistent information on these policies were not available. They cannot be taken as the official interpretation of the regulations. It is highly recommended that Singapore based exporters verify the full set of certification and import requirements with the relevant authorities in importing country. **Please note that final import approval of any product is subject to the importing country's rules and regulations as interpreted by custom officials at the point of entry.**