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C. HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for

Imports into Community territory\* of registered horses from Hong Kong and Japan, Republic of Korea, Macau, Malaysia (peninsular), Singapore and Thailand; and of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production from Canada and the United States of America.

Third country of dispatch<sup>(1)</sup>: United States of America

Ministry responsible: USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

I. Identification of the Horse

Species: horse, ass, mule, hinny

Breed

Age

Sex

Method of identification and identification

A passport identifying the equine may be attached to this certificate provided that its number is stated.

a. No. of identification document (Passport) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Validated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of competent authority)

II. Origin and Destination of the Animal

The animal is to be sent from: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place of export)

directly to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Member State and place of destination)

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship<sup>(2)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate<sup>(2)</sup>):

Name and address of consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The countries included are: Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, Greece, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, Finland, Sweden, and Portugal.

Name and address of consignee: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### III. Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that the animal described above meets the following requirements:

- (a) it comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE), infectious anemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, anthrax;
- (b) it has been examined today and shows no clinical sign of disease<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (c) it is not intended for slaughter under a national program of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d) during the three months immediately preceding the exportation (or since birth if less than three months old or since entry if it was imported directly from European Community during the previous three months), it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision in the country of dispatch and 30 days prior to dispatch in USDA-approved pre-export isolation;
- (e) it comes from the territory or in cases of official regionalization according to EEC legislation from a part of the territory of a third country in which:
  - (i) VEE has not occurred during the last two years,
  - (ii) dourine has not occurred during the last six months,
  - (iii) glanders has not occurred during the last six months,
  - (iv) either vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the last six months<sup>(3)</sup>  
or  
the animal was tested on a sample of blood taken within 21 days of export on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> by a virus neutralization test for vesicular stomatitis with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 12<sup>(3)</sup>,
  - (v) (1) in the case of an uncastrated male animal older than 180 days, either equine viral arteritis (EVA) has not been officially recorded during the last six months<sup>(3)</sup>  
or

- (2) EITHER
- (i) the animal was tested on a blood sample taken within 21 days of export on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> by virus neutralization test for EVA with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 4<sup>(3)</sup>
- OR
- (ii) an aliquot of its entire semen taken within 21 days of export on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> was tested by virus isolation test for EVA with negative result<sup>(3)</sup>;

or

- (3) the animal was vaccinated on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> against EVA under official veterinary supervision with a vaccine approved by the competent authority, according to the following program for initial vaccination and has been re-vaccinated at regular intervals.<sup>(3)</sup>

Programs for initial vaccination against EVA:

*INSTRUCTION: Cross out vaccination programs that do not apply to the animal described above. Verify supporting certification on testing before vaccination, vaccination and re-vaccination.*

- (a) Vaccination was carried out on the day a blood sample was taken that subsequently proved negative in a virus neutralization test at a dilution of 1 in 4;
- or
- (b) Vaccination was carried out during a period of isolation of not more than 15 days under official veterinary supervision, commencing on the day a blood sample was taken that was tested during that time with negative result in a virus neutralization test at a dilution of 1 in 4;
- or
- (c) Vaccination was carried out when the animal was at an age of 180 to 270 days, during a period of isolation under official veterinary supervision. During the isolation period, two blood samples taken at 10 days apart proved a stable or declining antibody titer in a virus neutralization test for EVA.
- (f) it does not come from the territory or from a part of the territory of a third country considered, in accordance with EEC legislation, as infected with African horse sickness:

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- either it was not vaccinated against African horse sickness<sup>(3)</sup>  
or
- it was vaccinated against African horse sickness on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)(4)</sup>

(g) it does not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons nor had contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons:

- (i) during six months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered;
- (ii) in the case of infectious anemia, until the date on which the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals have shown a negative reaction to two Coggins tests carried out three months apart;
- (iii) during six months in case of vesicular stomatitis;
- (iv) during one month from the last recorded case, in the case of rabies;
- (v) during 15 days from the last recorded case, in the case of anthrax.

If all the animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered and the premises disinfected, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, beginning on the day on which the animals were destroyed and the premises disinfected, except in the case of anthrax, where the period of prohibition is 15 days.

- (h) it shows no clinical signs of contagious equine metritis (CEM) and it does not come from a holding where there has been any suspicion of CEM during the past two months nor had contact indirectly or directly through coitus with equidae infected or suspected in CEM;
- (i) to the best of my knowledge, it has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the 15 days prior to this declaration;
- (j) it was subjected to a Coggins test for infectious anemia with a negative result on a sample of blood taken within 30 days of export on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup>
- (k) either it was not vaccinated against VEE<sup>(3)</sup>  
or  
it was vaccinated on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> this being at least six months prior to pre-export isolation<sup>(3)</sup>;
- (l) either it was vaccinated against Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccine on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>

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or

Japanese B-encephalitis on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup> this being within six months,  
and at least 30 days of export

or

it was subjected to hemagglutination inhibition tests to Western and Eastern  
equine encephalomyelitis on two occasions, carried out on samples of blood  
taken with an interval of 21 days on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> and on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup>, the  
second of which must have been taken within 10 days of export either with  
negative reactions, if it was not vaccinated<sup>(3)</sup>

or

without increase in antibody count, if it has been vaccinated more than six  
months ago<sup>(3)</sup>.

(m) If the equidae is coming from Thailand, it was subjected to a complement fixation  
test for glanders on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> and for dourine on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup>, this being within  
21 days of export with negative results at 1 in 10<sup>(4)</sup>.

(n) either it was not vaccinated against West Nile Virus

or

it was vaccinated against West Nile Virus with an inactive vaccine on at least  
two occasions at an interval of between 21 to 42 days apart, the last vaccination  
being carried out not later than 30 days prior to dispatch on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup>

IV. The animal will be sent in a vehicle cleansed and disinfected in advance with a  
disinfectant officially recognized in the country of dispatch and designed in a way  
that droppings, litter, or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

V. The certificate is valid for 10 days. In the case of transport by ship the time is  
prolonged by the time of the voyage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Issuing Accredited Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date      Signature of Issuing Accredited Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date    Place                      Stamp and Signature of the Official Federal Veterinarian  
(The color of the stamp must be different to that of the  
printing)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name in block letters, qualifications and title

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The following declaration signed by the owner or representative is part of the certificate.

### DECLARATION

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name in block letters)  
owner or representative<sup>(3)</sup> of the animal described above declare:

1. The animal will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status.  
The transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the animal can be protected effectively;
2. the animal has either remained in \_\_\_\_\_ (exporting country) since birth<sup>(3)</sup> or entered the exporting country at least 90 days prior to this declaration<sup>(3)</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Place, date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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- (1) Part of territory in accordance with Article 13 (2) of Council Directive 90/426/EEC.
  - (2) This certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the animal for dispatch to the Member State of destination or, in the case of a registered horse, on the last working day before embarkation.
  - (3) Delete as appropriate.
  - (4) Insert date. In the case of a registered equine animal, tests carried out, their results and vaccination have to entered in the identification document (passport).
  - (5) WEE and EEE vaccination or testing requirements apply only to Canada and the United States of America; Japanese B-encephalitis vaccination applies to Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macau, Malaysia (peninsular), Singapore and Thailand.

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