

**An import permit must be obtained from the Republic of South Africa, and space reserved at the Official Quarantine Station. A sample permit is shown below.**

**VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES**

(Issued in terms of the Animal Disease Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984))

Authority is hereby granted to import into the republic of South Africa the following horses:

Stallions:

Barren mares:

Pregnant mares: .

Colts:

Fillies:

Geldings:

by air/sea/rail/road from:

through port of entry: : .....

subject to the following conditions:

1. The animals must be accompanied by this permit, a valid passport and a health certificate issued by a veterinarian authorised thereto by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country. The certificate must comply with the requirements stipulated on the EQUI: 1.92 form, attached to this permit. Dates of tests, vaccinations and treatments must be stipulated, as well as the permit number appearing on the top right hand corner.
2. Upon arrival in the RSA, the horses shall be kept at the official Quarantine Station ..... at the risk and expense of the owner, for a minimum period of 30 days and be subjected to tests and vaccinations prescribed by the Senior Manager Animal Health. Such tests and vaccinations will be carried out at the risk and expense of the owner of the animal. Accommodation has been reserved at the above-mentioned Quarantine Station from ..... to .....
3. No hay, fodder or any other feedstuffs may be landed with the animals.
4. All equipment such as halters, ropes, blankets, grooming and other utensils, cleaning instruments etc. used during the journey to the RSA must be disinfected to the satisfaction of the State Veterinarian at port of entry, before being landed.
5. The State Veterinarian: ..... at the port of entry  
Tel no: ..... Fax: ..... must be advised timeously of the date of arrival of the animals. The documentation will be checked by him and the animal inspected, before being landed.
6. The owner of the animals must make all the necessary arrangements with an agent for the feeding and tending of the animals whilst in quarantine.

7. After release from the Quarantine Station:

- 7.1 Stallions and barren mares, will be placed under breeding quarantine at the stud where they are moved to and will remain under breeding quarantine until tested negative for Contagious Equine Metritis, according to the CEM code of Practice and to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager Animal Health.
  - 7.2 Pregnant mares shall move to an approved Pregnant Mare Quarantine Farm where they shall be tested for CEM according to the CEM Code of Practice after foaling and to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager Animal Health. Accommodation has been reserved for this mare at the ..... Pregnant Mare Quarantine Farm.
  - 7.3 In the case of colts and fillies proceeding to the race track or to a farm for other purposes (recreation, later breeding) a record must be kept and the Senior Manager Animal Health informed of their movements by the Jockey Club of South Africa or the Breed Society concerned. Once these animals leave the race track and/or go to stud, the Senior Manager Animal Health is to be informed immediately. They shall then be put under breeding quarantine and tested as prescribed for stallions and barren mares in par. 7.1.
  - 7.4 Clearance for CEM must be entered on the Equine Passport and signed by the State Veterinarian.
8. According to IATA regulations, no mares are more than 8 months/240 days pregnant at time of embarkation.
  9. The agreed model health certificate issued by USDA for horses imported from the USA, must accompany these horses.
  10. Horses from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and Argentina are exempted from CEM testing as stipulated on EQUI: 1.92 paragraph (vii), provided country is certified free from CEM for at least 12 months.

Special Condition:

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Note: This permit is valid for one consignment only and importation must take place before the expiry date as indicated on the permit. Failure to comply with any of the conditions stipulated in this permit or on the health certificate can lead to refusal to land the animals or seizure thereof.

**REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY AN AUTHORISED  
VETERINARIAN FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO  
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

This certificate must be issued by a veterinarian authorised thereto by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country, to the effect that the animal/s:

**NOTE: DATES OF TESTS, VACCINATIONS, TREATMENTS AND ONSET OF  
PREPARATION FOR EXPORT MUST BE INDICATED ON THIS HEALTH  
CERTIFICATE, AS WELL AS**

VETERINARY IMPORT NUMBER:

- I. has/have been in the exporting country since birth, or for a continuous period of at least 60 days prior to shipment;
- II. emanate from premises which have been free of Equine Infectious Anaemia, Equine Encephalomyelitis, Contagious Equine Metritis, Borna disease, Surra and Glanders for at least 12 months prior to the removal of the animals to the port of shipment, and in the case of Contagious Equine Metritis, for two (2) years since the commencement of the previous breeding season;
- III. emanate from premises where West Nile Virus was not reported in the last 2 months, if the horses were vaccinated, the dates and batch numbers should be recorded in both the health certificate and the passport.
- IV. was/were examined by him within 7 days prior to shipment and found to be clinically healthy and free from external parasites, treated for internal parasites and free from communicable disease to which the species is susceptible; and that the animals do not show any clinical signs of Equine Influenza on the day of shipment;
- V. was/were tested for Glanders and Surra, and in the case of mares or stallions also for Dourine with negative results, within 45 days prior to shipment or, alternatively, that the exporting country is officially free from these diseases;
- VI. has/have passed with negative results the agar gel immuno-diffusion (AGID) or Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anaemia within 45 days prior to shipment;
- VII. was/were tested three (3) times with negative results for Contagious Equine Metritis at intervals of not less than seven (7) days within 45 days prior to shipment:

In the case of stallions swabs must be taken from the sheath, urethra and urethral fossa for each of the three tests as well as ejaculatory fluid.

In the case of mares swabs are to be taken from the cervix, urethra and clitoral fossa for each of the three tests. At least one set of swabs must be taken while the mare is in oestrus.

In the case of New Zealand, Australia, Canada, USA and Argentina the country has officially been declared free of Contagious Equine Metritis for a minimum period of 12 months - if this is certified by the certifying officer, testing is not required for CEM.

- VIII. has/have been subjected to two (2) negative serological testes for Equine Viral Arteritis with an interval of 21 days within 45 days prior to shipment;

Stallions that have been vaccinated with EVA vaccine and show a positive serological titre, have had the last 5 (five) unvaccinated mares served by them, serologically tested for EVA not less than 21 days after service. If these mares are all serologically negative to EVA antibodies, the stallion can therefore be certified as having a vaccine antibody titre only.

Or

have semen collected from them within 21 days prior to departure and subjected to virus isolation on RF13 tissue culture media for three passages and found negative. The stallion can therefore be certified as a non-shedder and as having a vaccine antibody titre only.

- IX. has/have in the case of mares been subjected to a pregnancy test and certified as not pregnant or if pregnant not more than 8 (eight) months pregnant at the time of embarkation; In the case of pregnant mares the last service date must be specified and this date may not be more than 240 days prior to date of embarkation.
- X. animals was/were examined within 7 days of shipment by the authorised veterinarian and were free of clinical signs of Strangles and as far as can be determined, have not been on premises where Strangles occurred for the last 6 months before shipment.
- XI. has/have been vaccinated against equine Influenza type A Equi I and II at least 30 days but not more than 60 days prior to export;
- XII. has/have, in the case of animals imported from Northern or Southern America, been vaccinated against Western, Eastern and Venezuelan types of Equine Encephalomyelitis with an inactivated vaccine approved by the veterinary Administration of the exporting country at least six (6) weeks but not longer than 6 (six) months prior to shipment. In the case of the United States of America and Canada the vaccination against Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis may be waived on condition that the exporting country is certified free of Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis for a period of 2 years;
- XIII. has/have been kept in isolation since onset of testing stipulated in (IV) - (VIII) until the time of shipment;
- XIV. the animals are to fit to travel;
- XV. the certificate to be signed, dated and stamped with the official stamp of the veterinary authorities, also indicating the full name and designation of the certifying officer.

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