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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is a country free of foot-and-mouth disease, dourine, glanders (Mal de Caderas), and epizootic lymphangitis.
2. No cases of contagious equine metritis or vesicular stomatitis have been reported to occur during the past 6 months prior to exportation.
3. The horse/s is/are healthy and clinically free of infectious or contagious diseases.
4. During the 30 days prior to exportation, and insofar as it has been possible to ascertain, no cases of ulcerative lymphangitis, equine influenza, equine infectious anemia (swamp fever), encephalomyelitis, or mange have been reported to occur within a 15 mile radius of the stables where the horses for export were kept.
5. During the 12 months prior to exportation, no cases of equine infectious anemia or of the equine encephalitides have been reported to occur in the county where the horses are stabled.
6. The horse/s was/were vaccinated against the equine encephalitides no less than 30 days and not more than 6 months before shipment.
7. The horses were treated with a suitable agent within 2 weeks of shipment to control ectoparasites (ticks).
8. The horses were treated with a suitable anthelmintic within 2 weeks of shipment to control internal parasites.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of export:

1. Equine Infectious Anemia: Agar gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Every shipment must be accompanied by a Permit issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture. For permit please contact:

**Veterinary Services
Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 459
Georgetown, Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands, British West Indies**

**Phone: (809) 949-2222/4932
Fax: (809) 945-1476**

2. On arrival to the Cayman Islands, the animals will be inspected by the Veterinary Inspector and placed in quarantine for a period of time to be determined by the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer.
3. No fodder or litter shall be imported with the animals unless it originated from and was transported directly from the country from which the animal originated.