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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR SLAUGHTER  
HORSES FROM THE UNITED STATES  
*REQUISITOS ZOOSANITARIOS DE MEXICO PARA CABALLOS DE SACRIFICIO  
EXPORTADOS DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS***

**To be valid it must be accompanied by a VS FORM 10-13, entirely completed.  
*Para tener validez debe estar acompañada de la VS FORM 10-13, completamente llenada.***

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

*Los animales deben estar acompañados de un Certificado de salud expedido por un Médico Veterinario acreditado por el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos y endosado por un veterinario de Servicios Veterinarios (USDA). El certificado debe contener el nombre y la dirección del cosignador, del cosignatario y la identificación individual de los animales señalando raza, sexo, edad y número de tatuaje y/o arete. La información adicional debe incluir.*

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / *CERTIFICACIONES***

1. The horse(s) in the shipment were examined and found to be clinically healthy at the time of exportation.  
*Los equinos fueron examinados y estaban clínicamente sanos en la fecha de la exportación.*
2. The horses will be transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles, and do not come into contact with any other animals during travel.  
*Los vehículos utilizados para el transporte de los animales a la frontera, deberán ser sometidos a limpieza y desinfección antes del embarque y no están en contacto con otros animales durante el traslado.*
3. The VS FORM 10-13 (Owner/shipper certificate of fitness to travel to a slaughter facility) must accompany the horses.  
*Los caballos viajan acompañados del formato VS FORM 10-13 (Certificado de aptitud para ser transportados a un rastro).*

**OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Before endorsing the Health Certificate, the AVIC Office will review form VS FORM 10-13 and verify that all requested information is complete across the entire document.
2. The importer will present the VS FORM 10-13 to officials of the Mexican OISA, who will review it and send it, later, by pre-paid Federal Express air bills, to the Animal and Plant

Health Inspection Service (APHIS) offices in Riverdale, MD.

3. Upon arrival, the horses will be inspected by a veterinarian of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Office (OISA) in installations authorized by the Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA). After inspection, the trucks will be sealed before travel to their plant of destination.
4. The importer must present to OISA officials the original copy of the contract signed with the slaughter plant where the sacrifice will take place or the contract signed with the unit of animal health regulation that will receive the horses and send them only for slaughter. In both cases, the contract must be witnessed by SAGARPA personnel in the State of destination of the horses and by the veterinarian responsible for inspection at the slaughter plant in the first case, and for the responsible veterinarian in the second case.
5. The importer must declare the transportation route of the shipment until its final destination, indicating the zoosanitary inspection points where the shipment will be submitted to inspection.
6. The OISA will notify the SAGARPA delegation in the State of the shipment's final destination the following information: name of the importer, import certificate number, seals list, number of horses imported and shipped, name of the transportation company, number of the transportation jail plates, date and time of the import, and estimated date and time of arrival to the final destination.
7. The only people authorized to break the seals are the slaughterhouse veterinarians or veterinarians of the unit of animal health regulation of destination.
8. The shipment and documentation must comply with the dispositions of article 24 of the Federal Law of Animal Health.
9. Slaughter horses may enter Mexico only through the Eagle Pass, TX; Brownsville, TX.; Laredo, TX.; Del Río, TX; Presidio, TX; Santa Teresa, New Mexico; Nogales, AZ; and San Luis, AZ border-port crossings.