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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS  
FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

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 (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete 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 and contagious equine metritis.
2. The horse/s is healthy and free from clinical signs or symptoms of infectious and contagious disease.
3. The horse is free of contagious equine metritis, mange, and Ixodid ticks.
4. The horse/s were been vaccinated against Eastern and Western equine encephalitis at least 30 days prior to exportation.

**TEST REQUIREMENTS**

The animals were tested with negative results within 6 months prior to embarkation to the following diseases:

1. EIA: Agar gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test.

**EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION**

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of

embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. On arrival in the Turks and Caicos, the horses shall be examined by an Environmental Health Officer.
2. At least two (2) weeks notice of arrival of the horse must be given to the Chief Environmental Health Officer, Turks and Caicos Islands:

Turks and Caicos Islands Government  
Department of Environmental Health  
Animal Disease and Importation Division  
Tel: 809/946-2152 or 941-3116  
Fax: 809/946-2411 or 946-4110