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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR HORSES, MULES, AND DONKEYS 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 the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, contagious equine metritis, and African horse sickness.
2. The animals originated from premises where there have been no cases of dourine (mal de coit), trypanosomiasis (mal de caderas), glanders (farcy), epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, influenza, equine infectious anemia (EIA), vesicular stomatitis, equine encephalomyelitis or mange for the 30 days prior to the date of export.
3. The animals have been examined and found to be clinically healthy and free from any symptoms of infectious and contagious disease.
4. The animals were treated for internal and external parasites within 7 days of export.
5. The animals have been vaccinated against equine rhino pneumonitis.

### TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests conducted within 60 days prior to export:

1. Glanders: Complement fixation test at 1:5 dilution
2. EIA: Agar-gel immunodiffusion test (Coggins test)

### OTHER INFORMATION

1. An import permit must be obtained prior to export from the Department of Agriculture, Government of the British Virgin Islands, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The telephone number is (284) 495-2532 and the facsimile number is (284) 495-1269.
2. The Veterinary Division must be given at least 24 hours advance notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This will facilitate unnecessary delays, and avoid detention of animals for veterinary clearance at the port of entry.

## 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.