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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The horses must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must carry the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals. In addition, the certificate must include the following certification statements and the results of the indicated testing:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of contagious equine metritis, dourine (mal du coit), epizootic lymphangitis, foot-and-mouth disease, glanders (Farcy), and surra (mal de caderas).
2. The horses were born and bred in the United States or have been resident in the United States for the past 6 months.
3. The horses come from premises where no case of equine encephalomyelitis, equine infectious anemia, equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, mange, or ulcerative lymphangitis has occurred in the last 60 days.
4. The horses are healthy and free of ectoparasites and clinical signs of disease.
5. The horses showed no clinical signs of equine viral arteritis within 30 days of shipment.
6. The horses have been isolated in an approved facility for at least the last 21 days.
7. The horses were vaccinated against equine influenza on _____, which is within 3 months of export, with _____, an inactivated vaccine that contains viral strains representing both A/Equi-1 and A/Equi-2 types.
8. Within 60 days of export, on _____ and again 30 days later on _____, the horses were vaccinated against equine rhinopneumonitis with _____, an inactivated vaccine.

OR (Delete the statement that is not applicable.)

8. The horses, which were current with respect to equine rhinopneumonitis vaccination (copy of valid vaccination certificate attached), were revaccinated against equine rhinopneumonitis on _____, which is within 60 days of export, with _____, an inactivated vaccine.

9. The horses were treated for ectoparasites on _____, which is within 7 days of export, with _____, a product approved for said purpose.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Except as noted, the horses must be found negative by the following tests within 30 days of embarkation:

1. Equine Infectious Anemia: Agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test.
2. Equine Viral Arteritis: Serum neutralization test.
[Note: A seropositive animal other than an uncastrated male to be used for breeding is eligible for import if a second test conducted at least 14 days after the first and within 30 days prior to shipment shows the animal to have a titer that is stable (i.e., the difference in titer does not exceed one two-fold dilution) or declining. A seropositive stallion to be used for breeding is eligible for import if a semen sample collected within 30 days prior to shipment is tested by virus isolation and found negative.]
3. Potomac Horse Fever: Indirect fluorescent antibody test.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian must attach to the U.S Origin Health Certificate a completed VS Form 17-37, Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals, 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 of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. An import permit is required.
2. The Inspector (Veterinary Officer, St. George; 868-662-5986) must be notified 24 hours in advance of arrival of the animal(s).

3. The horses must be transported directly to Trinidad and Tobago without transiting a third country.

4. Upon arrival, the horses, accompanied by an Officer of the Animal Health Sub-Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, must be transported to the facility specified on the import permit; there to remain in isolation for a period of not less than 21 days.