

CONDITIONS FOR THE PERMANENT IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Environment and Water, Animal Wealth Department (MEW/AWD) before shipment leaves the exporting country.
2. In order to obtain an Import Permit a fully completed Import Permit Application form must be submitted to the UAE MEW/AWD. Fax: **(00971) 4 3361579**. At UAE, MEW's discretion copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.

3. **Charges**

A Ministry of Environment and Water Consignment Fee (currently Dhs100.00 per consignment) must be paid. Proof of payment (receipt) must be faxed to **04 3361579** before an import permit will be issued. (details of where to pay may be obtained from the Veterinary Department – 04 3361771).

There will also be a charge covering quarantine fees. An invoice will be issued shortly after the horses enter post import isolation. Delay in payment may delay the release of the horses, with the subsequent additional costs. Details of charges are available upon request.

4. **Pre export isolation**

During the 30 days immediately prior to export, the horses must be held in an isolation facility approved by USDA.

5. **Pre Export Tests**

The horse must be subjected to the following blood tests with negative results.

- i. Coggins Test for **equine infectious anaemia** - see paragraph III (j) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.
- ii. The Serum Neutralisation Test for **equine viral arteritis** with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 4. (this test required for uncastrated male horses only) - see paragraph III (e) (v) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.
- iii. **Vesicular stomatitis** - where appropriate - see paragraph III (e) (iv) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.
- iv. **Western and eastern encephalomyelitis** - where appropriate see paragraph III (l) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.

The above tests to be carried out in a laboratory approved for that purpose by the USDA.

6. **Vaccinations**

- i. All horses must be fully vaccinated against Equine Influenza - see paragraph III (m) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.

Note: Original certification showing proof of primary and all booster vaccinations, given in accordance with manufacturers recommendations, must travel with the horse.

- ii. Vaccination for WEE/EEE may also be necessary – see paragraph III (l) of the Model Health Certificate and paragraph 3 (iv) above for details.

7. **West nile fever** – Horses which are resident in States where west nile virus has been found require additional certification, see paragraph III (o)

8. **Health Certificates**

When horses are sent to UAE they must be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian (approved by the USDA) and endorsed by a government (USDA APHIS VS) veterinarian.

The certificate should be in similar form to, and contain all the information in the certificate attached at Annex A. to these conditions.

Please read the certificate carefully to ensure that all parts are fully complied with.

Dates must be inserted and deletions made where appropriate.

9. On arrival in the UAE the horse will be subjected to a minimum of 6 days isolation in an officially approved Isolation Centre and will be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Should the horse fail any of the tests, or fail to comply with the conditions of import, including failure to provide proper certification it may be required to be re-exported at the owners expense or destroyed.

10. All horses must arrive by Air at one of the approved International Airports - Dubai, Abu Dhabi or Sharjah, unless special authority is granted for landing elsewhere.

Annex A

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No. of Certificate

Third Country of dispatch: (1).....

Ministry Responsible: United States Department of Agriculture

Agency Responsible: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

I. Identification of the animal

Species: Horse, ass, mule, hinny	Breed Age Sex	Method of identification and identification (*)

(*) A passport identifying the equine animal may be attached to this certificate provided that its number is stated.

(a) No. of identification document (Passport):

(b) Validated by:
(Name of competent authority)

II. Origin and destination of the animal

The animal is to be sent from:
(Place of export)

Directly to:
(Place of destination)

By railway wagon / lorry / aircraft / ship: (3).....
(indicate means of transport & registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of Consignor:
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Name and address of Consignee:
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III. Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that the animal described above meets the following requirements:-

- (a) It comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including VEE), infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, anthrax.
 - (b) It has been examined today and shows no clinical sign of disease; (2)
 - (c) It is not intended for slaughter under a national program of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
 - (d) During the three months immediately preceding the exportation (or since birth if the animal is less than three months old or since entry if it was imported directly from the European Community during the previous three months) it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision in the United States of America or Canada and 30 days prior to dispatch apart from equidae not of equivalent health status, in isolation premises approved by the competent authority of the exporting country.
 - (e) It comes from a State (territory) or in cases of official regionalization according to Community legislation from a part of the territory of a third country in which:
 - i) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the last two years;
 - ii) Dourine has not occurred during the last six months;
 - iii) Glanders has not occurred during the last six months;
 - iv) - either vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the last six months (3)
or
- the animal was tested on a sample of blood taken within 21 days of export on..... (4) by a virus neutralization test for vesicular stomatitis with negative results at a dilution of 1 in 12 (3);
 - v) - in the case of an uncastrated male animal older than 180 days, either equine viral arteritis (EVA) has not been officially recorded during the last six months (3),
or
- the animal was tested on a sample of blood taken within 21 days of export on(4) by a virus neutralisation test for EVA, with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 4 (3),
or
- an aliquot of its entire semen taken within 21 days of export on (4) was tested by a virus isolation test for EVA with negative result (3):
or
- the animal was vaccinated on (4) against equine viral arteritis under official veterinary supervision with a vaccine approved by the competent authority, according to the following program for initial vaccination and has been re-vaccinated at regular intervals
- (3).

Programs for initial vaccination against equine viral arteritis:

- Instruction:
- Cross out vaccination programs that do not apply to the animal described above.
 - Verify supporting certification on testing before vaccination, vaccination and re-vaccination.

- a) Vaccination was carried out on the day a blood sample was taken, that subsequently proved negative in a virus neutralization test at a dilution of 1 in 4:
or
 - b) Vaccination was carried out during a period of isolation of not more than 15 days under official veterinary supervision, commencing on the day a blood sample was taken that was tested during that time with negative result in a virus neutralization test at a dilution of 1 in 4:
or
 - c) Vaccination was carried out when the animal was at an age of 180 to 270 days, during a period of isolation under official veterinary supervision. During the isolation period two blood samples taken at least 10 days apart proved a stable or declining antibody titre in a virus neutralization test for equine viral arteritis:
- (f)** It does not come from the territory or from a part of the territory of a third country considered, in accordance with EEC legislation, as infected with African horse sickness
- either it was not vaccinated against African horse sickness (3)
or
 - it was vaccinated against African horse sickness on(3)(4)
- (g)** It does not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons nor had contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons:
- i) during six months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered;
 - ii) in the case of infectious anaemia, until the date on which the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals have shown a negative reaction to two Coggins tests carried out three months apart;
 - iii) during six months in the case of vesicular stomatitis;
 - iv) during one month from the last recorded case, in the case of rabies;
 - v) during 15 days from the last recorded case, in the case of anthrax.
- OR
- If all animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered and the premises disinfected, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, beginning on the day on which the animals were destroyed and the premises disinfected, except in the case of anthrax, where the period of prohibition is 15 days.
- (h)** It shows no clinical signs of contagious equine metritis (CEM) and it does not come from a holding where there has been any suspicion of CEM during the past two months nor had contact indirectly or directly through coitus with equidae infected or suspected of being infected with CEM;
- (i)** To the best of my knowledge, it has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the 15 days prior to this declaration;
- (j)** It was subjected to the following test carried out with negative results on a sample of blood taken within 21 days of export on:(4)
- a Coggins test for infectious anaemia;
- (k)** Either it was not vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis; (3)
or
it was vaccinated on (4) this being at least six months prior to pre-export isolation; (3)

(l) Either it was vaccinated against western and eastern equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccine on (3)(4) this being within six months of and at least 30 days prior to export.
 or
 it was subjected to haemagglutination inhibition tests to western and eastern equine encephalomyelitis on two occasions, carried out on samples of blood taken with an interval of 21 days on(4) and on(4), the second of which must have been taken within 10 days of export either with negative reactions, if it has not been vaccinated, or without increase in antibody count, if it has been vaccinated more than six months ago.(3)

(m) During the 60 days immediately prior to export, but not within 14 days of export, the horse received;

Either (i) two primary vaccinations against equine influenza, in accordance with the manufacturers Recommendations, (3) (5). Dates of vaccinations 1.....2.....
 Type(s) of vaccineBatch No(s).....

Or (ii) it received a booster dose to a previously certified course of primary vaccination (5).
 Date of booster vaccination

Type(s) of vaccineBatch No(s).....

(n) It has not been during the last 30 days in any State in which vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed in the previous 6 months; has not been in contact with livestock that have been during the last 30 days in any State which VS has been diagnosed in the previous 6 months; has not been in contact with livestock that has been resident on infected holdings in the previous 60 days.

(o) During the 30 days immediately prior to export either,

i. It has not been resident in any State in which evidence of west nile virus (WNV) has been found in the previous 6 months, **Or**

ii. a) it has not been resident on any premises where clinical cases of west nile fever has been identified during this time **AND**

b) it has been treated with an insect repellent, effective against WNV vectors, in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, during any period, in the 15 days immediately prior to export, that the horse was in a State in which evidence of WNV has been found in the previous 6 months.

Name of product Active Ingredient(s).....

IV The animal will be sent in a vehicle cleansed and disinfected in advance, with a disinfectant officially recognised by USDA, and designed in a way that droppings, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

The following declaration signed by the owner or representative is part of the certificate.

- V. The certificate is valid for 10 days. In the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

Name of Issuing Authorized Veterinarian		Name of Endorsing Federal Veterinarian
Signature of Issuing Authorized Veterinarian		Signature and stamp (*) of Endorsing Federal Veterinarian
Date		Date

.....
 (Name in block letters, qualification and title)

(*) The colour of the stamp must be different to that of the printing.

- (1) Part of territory in accordance with Article 12 (2) of Council Directive 90/426/EEC
- (2) This certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the animal for dispatch to the Member State of destination or, in the case of a registered horse, on the last working day before embarkation.
- (3) Delete as appropriate.
- (4) Insert Date - In the case of a registered equine animal, tests carried out, their results and vaccination have to be entered in the identification document (passport).

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned (insert name in block capitals)
(owner or representative of the animal described below)

Declare:

1. The animal will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status.

The transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the animal can be protected effectively;

2. The animal has either remained in (exporting country) since birth or since entry if it was imported directly from the European Community during the previous three months or entered the exporting country at least 90 days prior to this declaration.

.....
(Place, date) (Signature)