

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARUBA FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

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 provide the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee, the means of transport, the final destination in Aruba, and complete identification, including chip number, 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 African horse sickness, contagious equine metritis, dourine, equine pox, glanders, Japanese encephalitis, melioidosis, and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis

2. The horse(s) come from an establishment that is not under quarantine for health reasons and on which the following diseases have not been reported during the 60 days immediately prior to export: Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, equine infectious anemia, equine influenza (Type A), equine rhinopneumonitis, epizootic lymphangitis, equine viral arteritis, rabies, mange, piroplasmosis, Salmonella abortus equi, surra (T. evansi), vesicular coital exanthema and vesicular stomatitis.

3. At the time of export, the horse(s) will have been under the supervision of an authorized (accredited or USDA) veterinarian since the initiation of required testing and will not have been in contact with any animals of a different (lesser) health status for the time necessary for the health certification process

4. Horse(s) was (were) vaccinated against West Nile virus with, on _____ (date) using product vaccine lot _____ (manufacturer, lot), a USDA-approved killed-virus vaccine

5. The horse(s) was (were) vaccinated against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis on _____ with _____, a USDA-licensed, killed virus vaccine.

6. The horse(s) was (were) vaccinated against equine influenza on _____ with _____, a USDA-licensed, killed virus vaccine

7. The horse(s) was (were) vaccinated against equine rhinopneumonitis on _____ with _____, a USDA-licensed, killed-virus vaccine

Vaccinations for equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis and West Nile Virus must occur between 15 and 30 days prior to export.

8. Stallions vaccinated against equine viral arteritis only: The horse(s) was (were) vaccinated against equine viral arteritis on _____ with _____, a USDA-licensed vaccine

9. The horse(s) was (were) treated for internal and external parasites on _____ (date), which is within 7 days prior to export, with _____, (a) product(s) approved in the United States for such use

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Within 30 days prior to export, except as noted, the horse(s) must be tested as prescribed below and found negative:

1. Equine infectious anemia: Agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test
2. Equine piroplasmiasis: Elisa test Babesia caballi and Theileria equi (formerly known as Babesia equi)
3. Vesicular stomatitis: For both Indiana and New Jersey serotypes, serum neutralization test or ELISA

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, and 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. Aruba considers the health certificate to be valid for 10 days from the date of issue
2. With respect to West Nile virus, horses that have been vaccinated must be clearly identified and have this vaccination mentioned on the official immunization or health certificate
3. West Nile virus provisions also apply to horses returning to Aruba following temporary entry to the United States.
4. With respect to equine viral arteritis, stallions that have been vaccinated must have this vaccination mentioned on the official immunization or health certificate
5. If deemed necessary by the Head of the Veterinary Service of Aruba horses may be quarantined upon arrival in Aruba at a location to be indicated by him during the time necessary for retesting, as well as agent incubation period for any perceived disease risks

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