Equine Import Requirements for U.S. Returning Horses

This notice provides the required import documentation for U.S. origin mares and stallions returning to the United States after residing in a Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) affected region(s) for a maximum of 60 days in accordance to Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.301(g).

Effective December 16, 2019 at all U.S. ports of entry the following import requirements are fully enforced:

Required Import Documentation
1. Copy, original, or certified true copy of the U.S. export health certificate
   a. Proof of date of arrival in CEM affected region must be shown by stamp OR
   b. Additional documentation (trace paper, airway bill, foreign country import permit)
2. Original U.S. import permit
   a. Must submit permit application at least 7 calendar days prior to departure from the United States.
   b. Permit application should include itinerary. Deviations must be amended prior to return to the United States.
3. Original export health certificate from each CEM affected region visited
   a. European Union (EU) is considered as one region
      i. Official health certificate should be issued by the last EU member state that the horse resides in prior to export
      b. Health certificate must include additional CEM attestations found on addendum attached.
      c. Health certificate must be endorsed by a full time salaried veterinarian of the exporting country government.
4. For U.S. horses that export to and remain in the EU for 60 days or less prior to returning to the United States
   a. Original supplemental documentation from each EU member state the horse resides in is required.
      i. Supplemental documentation can be an USDA approved equine passport or addendum attached to this notice.
      ii. Endorsed by examining veterinarian (i.e. licensed or FEI official veterinarian) at temporary residence or at competition/show prior to traveling to another EU member state.
5. If travel between CEM affected regions and/or EU member states extends more than 24 hours, additional transit documentation is required to cover dates not represented on the health certificate or supplemental documents.
   a. Original or certified true copies of intrastate/trace papers including dates of travel from one CEM affected region and/or EU member state to the next
OR

b. Original travel certification on letterhead from an examining veterinarian (i.e. licensed or FEI official veterinarian) including dates of travel, and required CEM statements as noted in the addendum attached.
   i. Only accepted if signing veterinarian traveled with horses during time indicated.

6. All dates from when the horse(s) is exported from the United States until the horse(s) returns must be represented in documentation presented at the port of entry.

If required documentation is not present at time of arrival or if U.S. horses have resided more than 60 days in a CEM affected region prior to return, CEM testing and quarantine will be required at a state approved facility.

USDA encourages importers to verify that all U.S. import requirements are met prior to export. Import requirements can be found on our website USDA APHIS VS Equine Import and Export.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact the Equine Import Specialist, Dr. Amber Headen at Amber.L.Headen@usda.gov or at (301) 851-3300.
Supplemental Document for the Temporary Exportation of Horses from the United States to a Contagious Equine Metritis Affected Country (Eligible for Three Day Quarantine)

I. Identification of Animal

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II. Country Visited: _______________________

III. Address of Premises of Temporary Residence : _______________________________

IV. Dates of Residence(mm/dd/yyyy): _______________________

V. Animal Health Attestations

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

a. The horse has been residing in the country specified above for _______ (number) days.

b. The horse described was inspected on the premises listed above on _________(mm/dd/yyyy) and found to be free of contagious diseases and, insofar as can be determined, not exposed to communicable or contagious diseases immediately preceding exportation, during the indicated period of residency;

c. The horse has not been vaccinated with a live, attenuated or inactivated vaccine during the period of residency (if less than 14 days), or within 14 days preceding exportation

d. That, insofar as I can determine, African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine piroplasmosis, equine infectious anemia (EIA), contagious equine metritis (CEM), vesicular stomatitis, or Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred on the residing premises during the period of residency, nor have these diseases occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time;

e. The horse was examined and found to be free of ectoparasites.

Additional attestations for mares and stallions temporarily exported from the U.S. to a CEM affected country:

f. Insofar as I can determine, since residing in ________ (temporary country of residence), the horse:
   • has been held separate and apart from all other horses except for the time it was actually participating in an event or was being exercised by its trainer;
   • has not been on any premises where horses were held or used for breeding purposes;
   • has not been bred nor had other sexual contact or genital examination while residing in the above country;
   • has been transported only in cleaned and disinfected vehicles and was not accompanied by any other horse of a different health status.

Examine Veterinarian

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