

TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION
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USA Comments

CHAPTER 12.6.

EQUINE INFLUENZA

Article 12.6.1.

General provisions

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Article 12.6.3.

Determination of the EI status of a country, a zone or a compartment

The EI status of a country, a *zone* or a *compartment* can be determined on the basis of the following criteria:

Current language:

1. the outcome of a *risk assessment* identifying all potential factors for EI occurrence and their historic perspective;

Suggested language:

1. the outcome of a *risk assessment* identifying all potential factors for EI occurrence and their historic ~~perspective~~ relevance;

<p>Rationale: The suggested change in word seems more appropriate for the statement at hand.</p>

2. ...

Article 12.6.6.

Recommendations for the importation of domestic equids for unrestricted movement

Veterinary Authorities should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the domestic equids:

1. ...
3. were immunised according to the manufacturer's instructions with a vaccine complying with the standards described in the *Terrestrial Manual* between 21 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster; information on their vaccination status should be included in the veterinary certificate.

For additional security, countries that are free of EI or undertaking an eradication programme may also request that the domestic equids were tested negative for EIV by an agent identification test for EI described in the *Terrestrial Manual* conducted on samples collected on two occasions at 7 to 14 days and not less than 5 days before shipment.

Rationale/ Comment to Article 12.6.6 Corollary statement to Point 3:

It would appear that the word “not” may have been inadvertently omitted before the words “less than 5 days before shipment”.