

**Model health certificate and model declaration for the transit of live equidae through the Union from one third country or part of the territory of a third country to another third country or another part of the territory of the same third country**

**COUNTRY: United States**

**Veterinary certificate to EU**

Part I : Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Address  Tel.		I.2. Certificate reference No		I.2.a.			
			I.3. Central competent authority <b>USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services</b>					
			I.4. Local competent authority <b>VS-</b>					
	I.5. Consignee Name Address  Postcode Tel.		I.6. Person responsible for the load in EU Name Address  Postcode Tel.					
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO code	I.10. Region of destination	Code
	<b>United States</b>	<b>US-0</b>						
	I.11. Place of origin  Name Address			Approval number		I.12.		
	I.13. Place of loading			I.14. Date of departure				
	I.15. Means of transport  Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Documentary references			I.16. Entry BIP in EU		I.17. No(s) of CITES		
	I.18. Description of animals				I.19. Commodity code (HS code) <b>01 01</b>		I.20. Quantity <b>1</b>	
I.21.				I.22. Number of packages				
I.23. Seal/Container No				I.24.				
I.25. Animals certified for:  Registered equidae <input type="checkbox"/> breeding and production <input type="checkbox"/> slaughter <input type="checkbox"/>								
I.26. For transit through EU to third country			X		I.27.			
Third country			ISO code					
I.28. Identification of the animal								
Species (Scientific name)		Identification system		Identification number		Age	Sex	

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<p><b>Part II: Certification</b></p>	<p><b>II. Attestation of animal health and welfare</b></p> <p>I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the equine animal described in Box I.28.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- was examined today<sup>(1)</sup> and found free of clinical signs of diseases and of obvious signs of ectoparasite infestation;</li> <li>- is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;</li> <li>- meets the requirements attested in points II.1. to II.5. of this certificate;</li> <li>- is accompanied by the written declaration, signed by the owner of the animal or the representative of the owner.</li> </ul> <p>II.1. <i>Attestation on third country or part of the territory of third country and holding of dispatch</i></p>	
<p>II.1.1. The animal is dispatched from the <b>United States</b>, a country or part of the territory of a country, which on the date of issuing this certificate has the Code: <b>US-0</b><sup>(2)</sup>, is assigned to Sanitary Group <b>C</b><sup>(2)</sup>, and is authorised for temporary admission of registered horses or imports of registered horses, registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production;</p>		
<p>II.1.2. in the country of dispatch the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine (<i>Trypanosoma equiperdum</i>), glanders (<i>Burkholderia mallei</i>), equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis), equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies and anthrax;</p>		
<p>II.1.3. the animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) which is considered free from African horse sickness in accordance with Directive 2009/156/EC and in which there has been no clinical, serological (in unvaccinated equidae) or epidemiological evidence of African horse sickness during the period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch and in which there have been no vaccinations against the disease during the period of 12 months prior to the date of dispatch;</li> <li>b) in which Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch;</li> <li>c) in which dourine has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;</li> <li>d) in which glanders has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;</li> <li><sup>(3)either</sup> [e) in which vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;]</li> <li><sup>(3)or</sup> [e) in which vesicular stomatitis has occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch, and a blood sample taken from the animal on .....(insert date), within a period of 21 days prior to the date of dispatch, was tested with negative result for antibody to the vesicular stomatitis virus</li> <li><sup>(3)either</sup> [in a virus neutralisation test at a serum dilution of 1 in 32;]</li> <li><sup>(3)or</sup> [in an ELISA in accordance with the relevant Chapter of the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of the OIE;]</li> </ul>		
<p>II.1.4. the animal does not come from a holding, and to the best of my knowledge for the time periods referred to in points II.1.4.1. to II.1.4.7. was not in contact with animals from holdings, which were subject to prohibition orders for the reasons referred to in points II.1.4.1. to II.1.4.7. and which last for:</p>		
<p><sup>(5)</sup>[II.1.4.1.]</p>		
<p><sup>(5)</sup>[II.1.4.2.]</p>		
<p>II.1.4.3. in the case of equine encephalomyelitis of any type,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><sup>(3)either</sup> [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease have been slaughtered;]</li> <li><sup>(3)and/or</sup> [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae infected with the virus causing West Nile Fever, Eastern equine encephalomyelitis or Western equine encephalomyelitis have died, been removed from the holding or fully recovered;]</li> <li><sup>(3)and/or</sup> [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]</li> </ul>		

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	<p>II.1.4.4. in the case of equine infectious anaemia, until the date on which, the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals on the holding have shown a negative reaction in an agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID or Coggins test) carried out on blood samples collected on two occasions 3 months apart;</p> <p>II.1.4.5. in the case of vesicular stomatitis,  <sup>(3)</sup><i>either</i> [6 months following the last case;]  <sup>(3)</sup><i>and/or</i> [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]</p> <p>II.1.4.6. in the case of rabies, 30 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises;</p> <p>II.1.4.7. in the case of anthrax, 15 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises;</p>	
	<p>II.1.5. to the best of my knowledge, during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the animal has not been in contact with equidae infected or suspected of an infectious or contagious disease.</p>	
	<p>II.2. <i>Attestation of residence and pre-export isolation</i></p> <p>II.2.1. During a period of at least 40 days prior to the date of dispatch, the animal has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision situated in a country or part of the territory of a country of dispatch which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G and  <sup>(3)</sup><i>either</i> [in a Member State of the Union;]  <sup>(3)</sup><i>and/or</i> [in a country or part of the territory of country with Code: .....<sup>(2)</sup> that is authorised for temporary admission into the Union of registered horses, and from which it was imported into the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch under conditions at least as strict as those required in accordance with the Union legislation for the temporary admission of registered horses from this country or part of the territory of the country directly to the Union, and which is:  <sup>(3)</sup><i>and/or</i> [assigned to Sanitary Group A, B or C;]]  <sup>(3)</sup><i>and/or</i> [assigned to Sanitary Group D, E or G and the animal is a registered horse as defined in Article 2(c) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659;]]</p> <p><sup>(5)</sup>[II.2.2]</p>	
	<p>II.3. <i>Attestation of vaccination and health tests</i></p> <p><sup>(3)</sup><i>either</i> [II.3.1. The animal was not vaccinated against African horse sickness in the country of dispatch and there is no information suggesting previous vaccination;]  <sup>(3)</sup><i>or</i> [II.3.1. The animal was vaccinated against African horse sickness, and this vaccination was carried out  <sup>(3)</sup><i>either</i> [more than 12 months prior to the date of dispatch;]  <sup>(3)</sup><i>or</i> [more than 60 days and less than 12 months prior to the date of admission into the part of the territory of the country referred to in point II.1.3.(a), from where it is dispatched;]]</p> <p>II.3.2. the animal was not vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis during the period of 60 days prior to the date of dispatch from a country of which all parts of the territory are free of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for a period of at least 2 years prior to the date of dispatch;</p> <p>II.3.3. the animal was subjected with negative result to an agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID or Coggins test) or to an ELISA for equine infectious anaemia carried out on a blood sample taken on ..... (<i>insert date</i>), this being within a period of 90 days prior to the date of dispatch;</p> <p><sup>(5)</sup>[II.3.4.]</p>	

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<p>(3)(5)[II.3.5.</p> <p>(5)[II.3.6]</p> <p>(5)[II.3.7.]</p>	<p>the animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is assigned to Sanitary Group C or D, and</p> <p><sup>(3)</sup><i>either</i> [the animal was vaccinated with a complete primary course and revaccinated according to manufacturer's instructions within a period of 6 months and at least 30 days prior to the date of dispatch with inactivated vaccine against Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis, the last vaccination was applied on ..... (<i>insert date</i>);]</p> <p><sup>(3)</sup><i>or</i> [the animal was kept for a period of at least 21 days prior to the date of dispatch in a vector-protected quarantine and during this period was subjected to haemagglutination inhibition tests for Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis carried out by the same laboratory on the same day</p> <p><sup>(3)</sup><i>either</i> [on a sample of blood taken on ..... (<i>insert date</i>), within a period of 10 days prior to the date of dispatch, with negative results;]</p> <p><sup>(3)</sup><i>or</i> [on samples of blood taken on two occasions with an interval of at least 21 days on ..... (<i>insert date</i>) and on ..... (<i>insert date</i>), the second of which was taken within a period of 10 days prior to the date of dispatch, without increase in antibody titre;]</p>	
<p>II.4.</p> <p>II.5.</p>	<p><i>Attestation of the transport conditions</i></p> <p>II.4.1. The animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G and arrangements have been made to transport it directly to the Union, without passing through a market, marshalling or assembly centre and without coming into contact with other equidae not complying with at least the same health requirements as described in this health certificate.</p> <p>II.4.2. Arrangements have been made and verified to prevent any contact with other equidae not complying with at least the same health requirements as described in this health certificate during the period from certification until dispatch to the Union.</p> <p>II.4.3. The transport vehicles or containers in which the animal is going to be loaded were cleaned and disinfected before loading with a disinfectant officially recognised in the third country of dispatch and they are so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.</p> <p>II.4.4 The equine animal is proceeding to ..... (<i>insert country of destination outside the Union</i>). Arrangements have been made and the necessary animal health conditions certified to ensure that the animal transits the Union without delay.</p> <p><i>Attestation of animal welfare</i></p> <p>The animal described in Box I.28. was examined today<sup>(1)</sup> and found fit to be transported on the intended journey and arrangements were made to protect its health and well-being effectively at all stages of the journey.</p>	

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<p>Notes:</p> <p>Part I:</p> <p>Box I.6.: Person responsible for the load in Union.</p> <p>Box I.8.: Provide the code of the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch as appearing in column 3 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.</p> <p>Box I.15.: Registration number (railway wagons or container and lorries), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship) and information is to be provided. In case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the Border Inspection Post of entry into the Union.</p> <p>Box I.23.: The container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.</p> <p>Box I.28.: <i>Species</i>: Select amongst: <i>Equus caballus</i>, <i>Equus asinus</i>, <i>Equus africanus</i>, <i>Equus hemionus</i>, <i>Equus kiang</i>, <i>Equus quagga</i>, <i>Equus zebra</i>, <i>Equus grevyi</i>, or indicate any cross between those</p> <p><i>Identification system</i>: The animal must bear an individual identifier which permits to link the animal to the identification document as defined in Article 2(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, tattoo, brand, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal.</p> <p>If a passport accompanies the animal, its number should be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it.</p> <p><i>Age</i>: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy).</p> <p><i>Sex</i> (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).</p> <p>Part II:</p> <p>(1) The certificate must be issued on the day of loading or in the case of a registered horse on the last working day before loading of the animal for dispatch to the Member State of destination in the Union. The entry into the Union of these animals shall not be allowed when the animals were loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for transit through the Union from the respective country or part of the territory of the country referred to in point II.1.1., or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the Union against the entry of equidae from this country or this part of the territory of the country of dispatch.</p> <p>(2) Code of the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch, and the Sanitary Group as appearing in columns 3 and 5 respectively of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.</p> <p>(3) Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>(4) Delete statement if the attestation in point II.1.3. applies to the entire country of dispatch.</p> <p>(5) Statements that relate entirely and exclusively to a Sanitary Group different from the Sanitary Group to which the country of dispatch, or part of its territory, is assigned, may be left out, provided that the numbering of the subsequent statements is maintained.</p> <p>This health certificate shall:</p> <p>(a) be drawn up in at least a language understood by the certifying officer and one of the official languages of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the animal will enter the Union territory and undergo the veterinary border checks;</p> <p>(b) be made out to a single consignee;</p> <p>(c) be signed and stamped in a colour different to the colour of the printing;</p> <p>(d) consist of a single sheet of paper or all sheets of paper required are part of an integrated whole and indivisible by inserting page numbers and total number of pages, and each page shall bear the certificate reference number at the top of the page and those pages are stapled and stamped.</p>		

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<p>Official [accredited] veterinarian</p> <table><tr><td data-bbox="375 373 618 401">Name (in capital letters):</td><td data-bbox="1094 373 1317 401">Qualification and title:</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="375 420 431 447">Date:</td><td data-bbox="1094 420 1198 447">Signature:</td></tr></table>			Name (in capital letters):	Qualification and title:	Date:	Signature:		
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<p>APHIS veterinarian</p> <table><tr><td data-bbox="375 615 618 642">Name (in capital letters):</td><td data-bbox="1094 615 1317 642">Qualification and title:</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="375 661 431 688">Date:</td><td></td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="375 707 444 735">Stamp:</td><td></td></tr></table>			Name (in capital letters):	Qualification and title:	Date:		Stamp:	
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**Declaration by the owner or representative of the owner  
for transit through the Union of an equine animal**

Identification of the animal <sup>(1)</sup>				
Species (Scientific name)	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

I, the undersigned owner<sup>(2)</sup> or representative of the owner<sup>(2)</sup> of the animal described above, hereby declare, that:

- the animal
  - <sup>(2)either</sup> [has remained in the **United States** during a period of at least 40 days prior to the date of dispatch;]
  - <sup>(2)or</sup> [entered the **United States** during the required residence period of at least 40 days prior to the date of dispatch:
    - (a) on.....(*insert date*) from..... (*insert name of country from where animal entered country or part of the territory of country of dispatch*)
    - (b) on.....(*insert date*) from..... (*insert name of country from where animal entered country or part of the territory of country of dispatch*)
    - (c) on.....(*insert date*) from..... (*insert name of country from where animal entered country or part of the territory of country of dispatch*);]
- during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the animal has not been in contact with animals suffering from infectious or contagious diseases transmissible to equidae;
- the conditions for residence and pre-export isolation as applicable in accordance with point II.2. of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;
- the conditions for the transport as applicable in accordance with point II.4. of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;
- the transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the animal can be protected effectively at all stages of the journey;
- the animal is scheduled to leave the Union on ..... (*insert date*) at the border post of ..... (*insert name and place of border post of exit*);

Name and address of the owner<sup>(2)</sup> or representative<sup>(2)</sup>: .....

Date: .....(*dd/mm/yyyy*)

.....  
(*Signature*)

(1) *Species*: Select amongst: *Equus caballus*, *Equus asinus*, *Equus africanus*, *Equus hemionus*, *Equus kiang*, *Equus quagga*, *Equus zebra*, *Equus grevyi*, or indicate any cross between those.

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*Sex* (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).

(2) Delete as appropriate.