

**CONDITIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) / CANADA  
FOR COMPETITION & CULTURAL EVENTS**

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Environment & 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 to be submitted to the UAE MEW/AWD. Fax: **(00971) 4 336 1579**. At UAE MEW's discretion copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.

3. **Charges**

A Ministry of Environment & Water Consignment Fee (currently Dhs100.00 per consignment) must be paid. Proof of payment (yellow receipt) must be brought to the Vet Department (details of where to pay may be obtained from the Veterinary Department – 04 336 1771).

There will 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. **Tests**

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

- i. Coggins Test for **Equine Infectious Anaemia**.- within 30 days prior to export – see paragraph III (i) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details
- ii. **Vesicular Stomatitis** - where appropriate - see paragraph III (e) (iv) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.

The above tests to be carried out in a laboratory approved for that purpose by the Competent Authority of the exporting country

5. **Vaccinations**

- a. All horses must be fully vaccinated against Equine Influenza - see paragraph III (k) of the Model Health Certificate for details. Both licensed nasal and injectable vaccines are acceptable.

**Note: Where a booster only is entered, certified proof of previous vaccinations must travel with the horse.**

6. West Nile Fever – Horses which are resident in States/Provinces where West Nile Virus has been found require additional certification, see paragraph III m)

7. **Health Certificates**

When horses are sent to UAE they must be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon approved by the USDA/Government of Canada to carry out export certification and endorsed by a Government 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.

Note: Temporarily imported horses may only remain in the U.A.E. for a maximum of 30 days unless otherwise agreed with MEW, U.A.E. (this may be extended for horses competing in certain specified International Competitions approved by MEW, U.A.E.)

***Note: Upgrading from temporary to permanent import status is not permitted***

8. Whilst in the UAE the horse will be held in isolation in an officially approved Isolation Centre, except when taking part in approved training or competition. Horses may be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the Ministry of Environment.

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.

9. 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.

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FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA FOR COMPETITION**

No. of Certificate .....

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

Ministry Responsible: .....

**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: .....  
.....

Name and address of Consignee: .....  
.....

## 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 ..... (date), being within 24 hours of export, and shows no clinical signs of infectious and contagious disease, free from external parasites and fit to travel today. (2)
- (c) It is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d) During the last 40 days immediately preceding the exportation it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision in the United States of America and/or Canada and/or the European Union.
- (e) It comes from the territory or, in cases of official regionalization according to European Community legislation, from a part of the territory of a 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 10 days of export on..... (4) by a virus neutralization test for Vesicular Stomatitis with negative results at a dilution of 1 in 12 (3);

(f) It does not come from the territory or from a part of the territory of a country considered, in accordance with OIE definitions, 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) 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;

(i) It was subjected to the following test carried out with negative results on a sample of blood taken within 30 days of export on: .....(4)

- a Coggins test for Infectious Anaemia;

(j) 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)

- (k)** During the 90 days immediately prior to export, but not within 14 days of export, the horse received;
- Either (i) at least two primary vaccinations against Equine Influenza, given between 21 and 42 apart, (4) (5). Dates of vaccinations 1.....2.....  
 Vaccine .....Batch No(s).....
- Or** (ii) It received a booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a certified primary course, or within 12 months of a certified booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course. (4) (5)  
 Date of booster vaccination .....  
 Vaccine .....Batch No(s).....

**l)** It has not been, during the last 30 days, in any State/Province in which Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed in the previous 6 months; has not been in contact with livestock that has been, during the last 30 days, in any State/Province in which VS has been diagnosed in the last 6 months; has not been in contact with livestock that has been resident on infected holdings in the last 60 days

- m)** During the 30 days immediately prior to export either,
- a) It has not been resident in any State/Province in which evidence of West Nile Virus has been found in the previous 6 months, or
- b) i) it has not been resident on any premises where clinical cases of West Nile Fever have been identified during this time **AND**
- ii) 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 West Nile Virus has been found in the previous 6 months.
- Name of product ..... Active Ingredient(s).....

**IV** I have a written Declaration signed by the Owner or the Representative stating that;

The animal will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equine animals not accompanied by such a certificate, in a vehicle cleansed and disinfected in advance, with a disinfectant officially recognised in the country of dispatch.

The conditions of point III (d) are fulfilled.

## DECLARATION

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

**Declare:**

1. The horse will not be resident inside the United Arab Emirates for a period longer than 30 days unless prior permission has been obtained from MEW, UAE.
2. I agree with the statement indicated in paragraph IV.
3. The animal has either remained in the United States of America / Canada since birth or entered the country on ..... from .....(country of origin).

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

- 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.

Date	Place	Stamp (*) and signature of the official veterinarian

.....  
 (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
- (5) For UAE import purposes a primary course of vaccinations will be considered to consist of at least two doses of the same vaccine given 21-42 days apart. Consideration will be given to primary courses given at intervals outside these limits but ONLY if it can be shown that they are in line with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations.

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