



Guidance notes for Appendix B – This is an additional certification that must be completed when a horse has resided in an approved country (or countries) other than the exporting country during the 60 days before export to Australia

- Australia’s import policy for horses requires a residency period of at least 60 continuous days in an approved country or countries prior to being exported to Australia.
- This 60 day residency can be completed in multiple approved countries if additional certification (an Appendix B certificate) is provided from each of these countries.
- Australia allows the Appendix B certificate to be completed after the horse has left the country, if required.
- The Appendix B certificate is designed to facilitate trade as horses frequently move between approved countries.
- The Appendix B certificate should be attached to the health certificate issued by the final approved country that is exporting the horse directly to Australia. This ensures that the health certification meets Australia’s requirements for equine diseases of biosecurity concern to Australia.
- The final country exporting the horse to Australia does not need to provide an Appendix B certificate, as the agreed veterinary health certificate covers Australia’s import requirements for any horse from that country.
- Appendix B certificates consist of an owner declaration followed by an Official Veterinarian certification. The Official Veterinarian certification relates to the premises and country status for relevant diseases during the period the horse was residing in that country.
- Australia does not require additional evidence for the attestations provided in Appendix B certificates. However, Official Veterinarians in the country providing the Appendix B certificate may request evidence to support the owner declaration section, in accordance with their country’s certification systems.
- Australia does not impose any movement restrictions on horses in an approved country during the 60 days prior to export, other than during the pre-export quarantine (PEQ) period that occurs immediately before transport to Australia.
- During this PEQ period, horses must remain in a facility approved by Australia for a minimum of 14 days, or 21 days for the United Arab Emirates, under official oversight.
- Official Veterinarians are welcome to contact the department directly with questions or concerns about completing Appendix B certification for a specific consignment. The contact email address is horses@agriculture.gov.au, which is monitored daily by the Animal and Biological Imports Branch.

¹ Approved countries are: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Japan, Italy, Luxembourg, Macau, the Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Iceland, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.