



מדינת ישראל

STATE OF ISRAEL

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
VETERINARY SERVICES & ANIMAL HEALTH

MODEL OF VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
To accompany a horse imported to Israel  
From the United States of America

Certificate reference number:

MINISTRY: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)  
SERVICE: APHIS, Veterinary Services (VS)

I. Description of the animal

Name ..... Breed..... Gender ..... Birth date..... Microchip number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Origin of the animal

(a) Name and address of exporter: .....  
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(b) Address of premises where the animal was examined: .....  
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III. Destination of the animal

(a) Name and address of consignee: .....  
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(b) Means of transportation: .....

IV. Health information

I, the undersigned USDA Accredited Veterinarian hereby certify that the animal described above meets the following requirements:

- (a) The United States is officially free from dourine, African horse sickness, and glanders, as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- (b) The horses are kept in pre-export isolation under USDA Accredited Veterinarian supervision for 30 days without coming into contact with equidae not of equivalent health status; the horse was situated in the United States for at least 30 days immediately preceding exportation, **OR**<sup>(1)</sup> the horse was kept in pre-export isolation under veterinary supervision for at least 30 days in the country of origin and the horse is accompanied by an official health certificate issued by a government veterinary officer of each country in which the horse has been in during the 30 days immediately preceding shipment to Israel (insert name of country).
- (c) The United States is officially free from African horse sickness in accordance with Chapter 12.1 of the O.I.E. Terrestrial Animal Health Code. The horse showed no clinical sign of AHS on the day of shipment; have not been vaccinated against AHS within the last 40 days; were kept in an AHS free country since birth or for at least 40 days prior to shipment; did not transit through an infected zone during transportation to the place of shipment.
- (d) The horses showed no clinical sign of dourine on the day of shipment; were kept since birth, or for the six months prior to shipment, in the United States or other country which has been free from dourine for not less than the past six months; **OR**<sup>(1)</sup> were kept for the six months prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of dourine was officially reported during that period and were subjected to a diagnostic test for dourine with negative results during the 15 days prior to shipment.
- (e) The horse showed no clinical signs of equine encephalomyelitis on the day of shipment and during the three months prior to shipment. Horses were kept for the three months prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of equine encephalomyelitis was officially reported during that period; **OR**<sup>(1)</sup> were kept in a quarantine station for the 21 days prior to shipment and were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the place of shipment.
- (f) The horse showed no clinical sign of equine infectious anemia (EIA) on the day of shipment and during the 48 hours prior to shipment; and no case of EIA has been associated with any premises where the animals were kept during the three months prior to

shipment; and the animals were subjected to a diagnostic test for EIA with negative results on blood samples collected as specified below.

- (g) The horses were vaccinated against equine influenza between 21 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster (the horse should be vaccinated within the periods of 90 days before shipment with booster vaccine) complying with the standards described in the O.I.E. Terrestrial Manual (please specify the name of the vaccine, batch number, date of vaccination).

**OR<sup>(1)</sup>**

The age of the exported horse is less than 6 months

- (h) The horse showed no clinical sign of equine piroplasmosis on the day of shipment; were subjected to diagnostic tests for equine piroplasmosis (*Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi*) with negative results according the O.I.E. terrestrial manual as specified below.
- (i) The animal described above originates from a stable where no case of Contagious Equine Metritis (C.E.M) occurred or was reported during the last 2 months.
- (j) The horse showed no clinical signs of EHV-1 (Equine rhinopneumonitis) infection on the day of shipment; were kept for the 21 days prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of EHV-1 infection was reported during that period.
- (k) The horse showed no clinical signs of equine viral arteritis on the day of shipment and during the 28 days prior to shipment; and were subjected to a test for EVA carried out on a single blood sample collected during the pre-export isolation period.
- (l) The horse showed no clinical signs of infection with *B. mallei* (glanders) on the day of shipment; was kept for six months prior to shipment, **or<sup>(1)</sup>** since birth, in the United States or countries or zones free from infection with *B. mallei*.
- (m) The horse showed no clinical signs of VEE (Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis) on the day of shipment; have not, during the past six months, been in any country in which VEE has occurred in the last two years; have not been vaccinated against VEE within 60 days prior to shipment.
- (n) In the United States the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine (*Trypanosoma equiperdum*), glanders (*Burkholderia mallei*), equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis), equine infectious anaemia, rabies, and anthrax.
- (o) The horse does not come from a holding, which were subject to prohibition orders for the reasons referred to and which for the last: in the case of rabies, 30 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises; 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) 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.
- (q) Within 30 days prior to the export the animal/s were subjected to the laboratory tests with negative results according the OIE Terrestrial Manual as follow:
- (1) Blood sample was taken from the animal described above and sent to a laboratory approved by the State Veterinary Services, where it was submitted to the immunodiffusion test for EIA (Coggins test) or ELISA, with negative results (date of the test).
  - (2) Blood sample was taken from the animal described above and sent to a laboratory approved by the State Veterinary Services, where it was submitted to a PCR test for equine piroplasmosis with negative results; and were maintained free from ticks, by preventive treatment when necessary, during the 30 days prior to shipment.
  - (3) Blood sample taken from the animal describe above and send to laboratory approved by the state veterinary services where it was submitted a virus neutralization test for EVA, with either negative result at a dilution of 1 in 4 (date of the test)<sup>1</sup>;

**OR<sup>(1)</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> **Stallions:**

not earlier than seven days of commencing isolation were subjected to a test for EVA on a blood sample with negative results and were then immediately vaccinated; and were kept separated from other equidae for 21 days following vaccination; and were revaccinated regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions. (attached the blood test result); **OR<sup>(1)</sup>**

were subjected between six and nine months of age to a test for EVA with either a negative result, or if a positive result, was then followed at least 14 days later by a second test showing a stable or decreasing titer; and were immediately vaccinated against EVA and regularly revaccinated in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer; **OR<sup>(1)</sup>**

have been subjected to a test for EVA carried out on a blood sample with a positive result, and then either:

- were subsequently test mated to two mares within six months prior to shipment which were subjected to two tests for EVA with negative results on blood samples collected at the time of test mating and again 28 days after the mating; **OR<sup>(1)</sup>**
- were subjected to a test for EVA with a negative result, carried out on semen collected during the six months prior to shipment; **OR<sup>(1)</sup>**
- were subjected to a test for EVA with a negative result, carried out on semen collected within six months after the blood sample was tested, then immediately

vaccinated, and regularly revaccinated in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer.

**1 Mares and geldings:**

were kept in an establishment where no animals have shown any signs of EVA for the 28 days prior to shipment; and were subjected to a test for EVA, carried out on blood samples collected on two occasions at least 14 days apart within 30 days prior to shipment, which demonstrated stable or declining antibody titers; or were regularly vaccinated according to the manufacturer’s instructions (attached blood test results); **OR<sup>(1)</sup>**

were isolated for the 28 days prior to shipment and during this period the animals showed no sign of EVA.

(4) Either the U.S. state of origin is free from Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM); **OR<sup>(1)</sup>**

**For mares and fillies over 2 years of age:**

Swabs were collected on the following dates: 1. ....2....., (at intervals of not less than 7 days between the collection of each set). The swabs were cultured and found negative for CEM in a laboratory approved by USDA APHIS.

**For stallions, and colts over 2 years of age:**

Separate sets of swabs (penile sheath, urethra penis including fossa glandis, urethral fossa including urethral sinus and pre-ejaculatory fluid) were collected from the stallion on the following dates: 1.....2....., (at intervals of not less than 7 days between the collection of each set), and were cultured and found negative for CEM in a laboratory approved by USDA APHIS.

- (r) The stallion has not been used for natural breeding or artificial insemination from the time sampling began until the date of export.
- (s) 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 Israel.
- (t) A declaration has been received from the exporter stating the transport vehicles or containers in which the animal is going to be loaded will be cleaned and disinfected before loading with a disinfectant licensed in the United States and they are so constructed that feces, urine, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.
- (u) The horses will be inspected, in daylight, within 48 hours of export, to determine they are healthy and free from clinical signs or symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases and fit to be transported on the intended journey, as indicated on a VS Form 17-37 which will be included with the export documents.

NOTE: The animals must be transported in compliance with CFR Part 91.

Name (in block letters) .....  
USDA Accredited Veterinarian

Signature.....

Date.....

Place.....

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/title of USDA Federal Veterinarian (in block letters)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Official Seal

Note:

<sup>(1)</sup> Delete as inappropriate