

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAMAICA FOR THE EXPORTATION OF STALLIONS AND COLTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The animal(s) must be accompanied by a certificate issued by an Official Veterinarian of the exporting country stating:
 - (a) the animal(s) was born in the exporting country or has/ have been resident there for the past twelve (12) months; animal(s) must be accompanied with a birth/ foal certificate/ registration;
 - (b) that the exporting country is free from Foot-and-Mouth disease;
 - (c) the animal(s) is/ are healthy and free from clinical signs or symptoms of infectious and contagious disease;
 - (d) the animal(s) must be certified free of Equine Infectious Anemia as determined by use of Coggins immunodiffusion tests within thirty (30) days prior to the date of shipment;
 - (e) the animal(s) must be treated for internal parasites with an approved anthelmintic between fourteen (14) and thirty (30) days prior to export.
 - (f) all animals must be treated with an external acaricide within forty-eight (48) hrs of exportation;
 - (g) the animal(s) must test negative for agents that cause Equine Piroplasmosis ie *Babesia caballi*, *Babesia equi*;
 - (h) the animal(s) must be free from Eastern and Western-type Equine Encephalomyelitis.
 - (i) that the animal(s) has been vaccinated against Equine Influenza using an inactivated multi-strain vaccine (A1 and A2) within thirty (30) days of exportation;
 - (j) that the animal(s) has been vaccinated against Rhinopneumonitis using an inactivated vaccine giving two (2) doses thirty (30) days apart within sixty (60) days of exportation;
 - (k) that as far as can be ascertained, no case of Dourine (Mal de Coit), Mal Carderas, Glanders (Farcy) Epizootic, Lymphangitis, Ulcerative Lymphangitis, Equine Viral Arteritis, Equine Influenza, Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Contagious Equine Metritis, Equine Encephalomyelitis, or Mange, occurred on premises or within a radius of fifteen (15)miles where the animal(s) was/ were kept for at least sixty (60) days prior to exportation;

2. Horse(s) vaccinated for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) was/ were isolated for twenty-eight days prior to shipment and was/ were subjected to EVA testing. Two (2) blood samples collected at least fourteen (14) days apart, during the twenty-eight (28) day isolation period, should demonstrate stable or declining antibody titers, on blood samples collected on two occasions at least fourteen (14) days apart within the twenty-eight (28) days prior to shipment, which demonstrated stable or declining antibody titers.

3. Horse(s) not vaccinated for EVA should test negative using the viral neutralization method on sterile blood samples within the thirty (30) days period prior to export. Sterile blood samples, taken within thirty (30) days prior to export, should be EVA negative by the virus neutralization method for horses that have NOT been vaccinated against EVA.

4. Horse(s) should test negative for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) using the virus isolation method on semen within the thirty (30) days prior to export.
5. The horse(s) should have been kept only with animals of similar health status for not less than twenty-one (21) days before export.
6. Horses must not originate from farms that were under quarantine or exposed to Equine Herpes Virus Type 1.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

- (1) The name and address of the consignor
- (2) The name and address of the consignee
- (3) The numbers of animals to be shipped
- (4) A statement that the animal(s) has/ have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation, and found to be free of infectious and / or communicable disease, tumors, fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing, lameness and free of ectoparasites within twenty-four (24) hours of exportation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

7. At least three (3) weeks notice of arrival of the animals must be given to the Director of Veterinary Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Jamaica.
8. Every horse must be accompanied by an import permit from the Director of Veterinary Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Jamaica.
9. All animals must travel *directly* from **the United States of America** or on a route **pre-approved** by the Veterinary Services Division.
10. On arrival at Kingston, Jamaica which shall be the only port of entry into the island, every horse shall be examined by an inspector appointed under the law, who will order quarantine at the owner's expense.