

**CONDITIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR
COMPETITION AND CULTURAL EVENTS**

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, (MOEWA) before shipment leaves the exporting country.
2. In order to obtain an Import Permit a fully completed Import Permit Application form, including the Owners Declaration section, should be submitted to MOEWA, at least 14 days prior to intended date of shipment; At MOEWA discretion copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.

3. **Tests**

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

- i. Coggins Test for **Equine Infectious Anemia** – within 30 days prior to export- see paragraph III (i) of the attached model health certificate for details.
- ii. Western and Eastern Encephalomyelitis (WEE/EEE) – where appropriate – see paragraph III (k) 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.

4. **Vaccinations:**

- a. All horses must be fully vaccinated against Equine Influenza – see paragraph III (l) of the Model Health Certificate for details.

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

All vaccinations must be signed by the administering veterinarian

- b. Vaccination for WEE/EEE may also be necessary – see paragraph III (k) of the Model Health Certificate and paragraph 3 (iii) above for details.

5. West Nile fever – Horses which are resident in States where West Nile virus has been found require additional certification, see paragraph III (n).

6. **Health Certificates:**

When horses are sent to KSA they must be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian approved by the USDA to carry out export certification and endorsed by a Federal 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 KSA for a maximum of 30 days unless otherwise agreed with MOEWA, KSA (this may be

extended for horses competing in certain specified International Competitions approved by MOEWA, KSA).

Note: upgrading from temporary to permanent import status is not permitted.

While in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the horse will be held in isolation in an officially approved Isolation Center, except when taking part in approved training or competition. Horses may be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the MOEWA.

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.

All horses must arrive by air at the approved International Airport at Riyadh, unless special authority is granted for landing elsewhere.

Annex A to USA Temporary Import Conditions

**FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORT OF HORSES INTO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR COMPETITION**

No. of Certificate:

Country of dispatch:

Ministry Responsible:

I. Identification of the animal

Name	Breed Age Sex	Method of identification and microchip number if available (*)

(*) 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:
(Premises of destination in the KSA.)

By aircraft
(indicate flight number)

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), Equine Infectious Anaemia, Vesicular Stomatitis, Rabies, Anthrax.
- (b) It has been examined today and on the day of loading, or on the last working day before loading, for dispatch and shows no clinical sign of an infectious or contagious disease, is free of external parasites and fit to travel.
- (c) It is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d) i) After due inquiry and based on the Declaration of the owner or his representative, the horse has been resident during the 40 days immediately preceding the dispatch, in the country of origin and/or an approved third country. While in an approved third country the USDA has a health certificate attesting that the horse was held in isolation from horses not taking part in the official competition/racing. Approved third countries are United Kingdom, European Union, United States of America, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Korea, and Japan

ii) During the 30 days immediately preceding the dispatch, it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision.
- (e) It comes from a country in which:
 - i) Dourine has not been reported during the six months prior to dispatch,
 - ii) Glanders has not been reported during the six months prior to dispatch,
 - iii) African horse sickness has not been reported during the last two years and vaccination has not been carried out during the 12 months prior to dispatch,
 - iv) Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis has not been reported during the last two years, and vaccination has not been carried out during the 12 months prior to dispatch;
- (f) It does not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons nor had contact with equidae from holdings which were subject to prohibition for animal health reasons for the indicated period prior to dispatch of the above described horse:
 - i) During six months in the case of Vesicular Stomatitis,
 - ii) During six months in the case of Equine Encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered,
 - iii) In the case of Equine Infectious Anaemia, until the date on which, the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals have shown a negative reaction to an AGID tests carried out on two samples taken three months apart,
 - 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 the animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered or killed 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.

- (g) The exporting country/region is either African Horse Sickness (AHS) free for the last two years and no vaccination against AHS has been practiced for the last 12 months, or it is an officially recognised AHS Free Country in accordance with OIE definitions. The horse has not been on any premises where AHS has occurred in the past 60 days.
- either it was not vaccinated against African Horse Sickness (1)
- OR**
- it was vaccinated against African Horse Sickness on(1)(2)
- (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:(2)
- a Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anaemia;
 - ELISA or IFAT for equine piroplasmiasis (*Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi*) carried out on a sample taken on (2), this being within 30 days prior to dispatch, with negative (1) or positive (1) results and the horse was maintained free from ticks, by preventive treatment when necessary, during the 30 days prior to shipment. In the case of a positive result, an acaricide treatment has been carried out within seven days prior to dispatch.
- (j) Either it was not vaccinated against Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis; (1)
or
it was vaccinated on (2) this being at least six months prior to pre-export isolation; (1)
- (k) The horse showed no clinical sign of Equine Encephalomyelitis (Eastern or Western) during the 30 days prior to shipment, including the day of shipment,
- And, either, was kept for three months prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of equine encephalomyelitis was reported during that period (1)
- Or, was vaccinated for equine encephalomyelitis not less than 15 days and no more than one year prior to shipment (1)
- (l) During the period of 90 to 14 days prior to dispatch the horse received:
- either* (i) a primary course consisting of two vaccinations against Equine Influenza given between 21 and 42 days apart(3)
First vaccination:.....
Second vaccination:..... (2)(4)
 - or* (ii) a booster vaccination against equine influenza within 12 months of a primary course, or within 12 months of a booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered within a regular 12-month period since the primary course.

(Insert date of booster vaccination)
..... (2)(4)

(n) During the 30 days immediately prior to export,

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 manufacturer's instructions, during any period, in the 15 days immediately prior to export, if 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.

V. The certificate is valid for 10 days.

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

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(Name in block letters, qualification and title)

(*) The colour of the stamp must be different to that of the printing.

(1) Delete as appropriate.

(2) Insert Date

- (3) For KSA 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.
- (4) All vaccinations must be entered into the passport

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned (insert name in block capitals)
(owner or representative of the animal described above (1))

Declare:

- 1. The horse will not be resident inside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a period longer than 30 days unless prior permission has been obtained from Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.
- 2. I agree with the statement indicated in paragraph IV.
- 3. The horse has been resident in the country of origin continuously for a period of at least 40 days immediately prior to dispatch to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, or in an approved third country (see III(d) above), and during this period has not been used for breeding. While in an approved third country the horse was held in isolation from horses not taking part in the official competition/racing.

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(Place, date) (Signature)