

## **Blood and Blood Products from Equidae Animals**

The European Union (EU) implemented new certification requirements for equidae blood and blood products on September 1, 2010. APHIS cannot endorse the new certification requirements at this time.

The central EU authority has asked EU Member Countries to accept the previous certificate (the one included below) for consignments entering the EU prior to April 30, 2011, if the certificate is dated prior to March 5, 2011. At this time this is only a request, and EU Member Countries may or may not honor it.

The United Kingdom has verified that they will honor the request (and accept the below certificate). Other EU countries likely will also accept the certificate, but this has not been confirmed. Exporters requesting the below certificate for consignments to EU countries other than the UK are shipping at their own risk. The EU Member Country could reject the consignment.

As always, exporters should have their importer confirm with pertinent EU Country authorities prior to shipment that the below certificate (the only one APHIS can endorse at this time) is acceptable.

The EU has not yet finalized the requirements which will be in effect for certificates dated after March 5, 2011.

## **Serum of Equidae**

The Chapter 4(A) Health Certificate requires certification that equidae blood products are labeled with the “registration number” of the establishment of collection of the source blood. This collection establishment often will not be the same as the facility approved by APHIS to export the finished product to the EU.

Special instructions regarding preparation of Section I.28 of the Chapter 4(A) Health Certificate:

In cases where the processing facility approved by APHIS to export the finished product to the EU is different than the facility (or facilities) where the source blood was initially collected, the following information should be noted for the “Approval number of establishments Manufacturing Plant”:

Processing facility: [insert APHIS reference number for the facility approved by APHIS to export the finished product to the EU]

Collection facility: [insert collection facility reference number]

\*Collection facility reference number: This is the number that must appear on the product label. If a shipment contains products derived from blood collected at multiple locations, multiple numbers must appear here. For derivatives of blood collected in countries other than the United States, this number would not be issued by APHIS.

## CHAPTER 4(A)

### Health certificate

*For the import of serum from equidae to be used for technical purposes including pharmaceuticals, in vitro diagnosis and laboratory reagents, intended for dispatch to or for transit through (²) the European Community*

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Address  Tel. No		I.2. Certificate reference number	I.2.a.			
			I.3. Central Competent Authority				
			I.4. Local Competent Authority				
	I.5. Consignee Name Address  Postal code Tel. No		I.6. Person responsible for the consignment in EU Name Address  Postal code Tel. No				
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO code	I.10.
	I.11. Place of origin  Name Address  Approval number		I.12. Place of destination  Custom warehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address  Approval number  Postal code				
	I.13. Place of loading		I.14. Date of departure				
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification: Documentary references:		I.16. Entry BIP in EU  I.17.				
	I.18. Description of commodity			I.19. Commodity code (HS code) <b>30.02</b>			
				I.20. Quantity			
I.21. Temperature of product  Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Chilled <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>			I.22. Number of packages				
I.23. Identification of container/Seal number			I.24. Type of packaging				
I.25. Commodities certified for:  Technical use <input type="checkbox"/>							
I.26. For transit to third country vis-à-vis EU <input type="checkbox"/>  3rd country		I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/>  ISO code					
I.28. Identification of the commodities  Species (Scientific name)  Approval number of establishments Manufacturing plant							

COUNTRY

Serum from equidae for technical purposes including pharmaceuticals,  
in vitro diagnosis and laboratory reagents

		II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.
<b>Part II: Certification</b>	<b>II. Health attestation</b>	I, the undersigned official veterinarian, declare that I have read and understood Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> and certify that the serum of equidae described above:	
	II.1.	consist of serum from equidae that satisfy the health requirements below;	
	II.2.	consist exclusively of serum of equidae not intended for human nor animal consumption;	
	II.3.	comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis (all types including VEE), equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, anthrax;	
	II.4.	was obtained, under the supervision of a veterinarian, from equidae which, at the time of collection, were free from clinical signs of infectious disease or were obtained from equidae that passed ante-mortem inspection at the time of slaughter;	
	II.5.	was obtained from equidae that have remained since birth in the territory or, in case of official regionalisation according to Community legislation, in parts of the territory of a third country in which:	
		(a) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the last two years;	
		(b) dourine has not occurred during the last six months; and	
		(c) glanders has not occurred during the last six months;	
	II.6.	was obtained from equidae that had never been present on a holding that had been subject to prohibition for animal health reasons or where:	
( <sup>2</sup> ) either	[(a) in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, the date on which all the equidae suffering from the disease were slaughtered was at least six months before the date of collection;		
	(b) in the case of infectious anaemia, all the infected animals had been slaughtered and the remaining animals showed a negative reaction to two Coggins tests carried out three months apart;		
	(c) in the case of vesicular stomatitis, the prohibition was lifted at least six months before the date of collection;		
	(d) in the case of rabies, the last recorded case was at least a month before the date of collection; and		
	(e) in the case of anthrax, the last recorded case was at least 15 days before the date of collection;]		
( <sup>2</sup> ) or	[all the animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding were slaughtered and the premises disinfected, at least 30 days before the date of collection (or, in the case of anthrax, at least 15 days before);]		
II.7.	has undergone all precautions to avoid contamination with pathogenic agents during production, handling and packaging;		
II.8.	was packed in sealed impermeable containers clearly labelled 'serum from equidae' and bearing the registration number of the establishment of collection.		
<i>Notes</i>			
<b>Part I:</b>			
—	Box reference I.6: Person responsible for the consignment in EU: this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity; it may be filled in if the certificate is for import commodity.		
—	Box reference I.12: Place of destination: this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity. The products in transit can only be stored in free zones, free warehouses and custom warehouses.		
—	Box reference I.15: Registration number (railway wagons or container and lorries), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship); information is to be provided in case of unloading and reloading.		
—	Box reference I.23: for bulk containers, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.		
—	Box reference I.26 and I.27: fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.		
—	Box reference I.28: Manufacturing plant: provide the veterinary control number of the registered establishment of collection.		

**Part II:**

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ L 273, 10.10.2002, p. 1.

(<sup>2</sup>) Delete as appropriate.

— The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.

— Note for the person responsible for the consignment in EU: this certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capitals):

Qualification and title:

Date:

Signature:

Stamp: