



Department of Agriculture
Cayman Islands Government

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FROM THE USA

1. No horse shall be imported into the Cayman Islands except such horse is imported directly from the United States of America.
2. A copy of a proof of identification (e.g. passport picture page, driver's license, voter's ID) must be provided for the consignee or person importing on behalf of the consignee.
3. Every horse must be accompanied by the original or a copy of an Import Permit from the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture, and the **Original** of the Export Health Certificate, issued by the government of the country of origin. Animal(s) must not depart the country of export until these documents are on hand. Animal(s) not accompanied by these documents will not be permitted to land in the Cayman Islands, and may be returned to the Country of Origin, or destroyed, as per the Animal's Law.

Completed application forms must be submitted to the Director of Agriculture prior to the Commencement of a thirty (30) day pre-export quarantine and testing at a USDA approved facility

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4. Animal(s) must travel by manifest cargo only. On arrival at the George Town Port, Owen Roberts Airport or Gerrard Smith Airport, which shall be the only ports of entry into the Cayman Islands, every horse shall be examined by a Veterinary Inspector appointed under the Animal's Law (2015 Revision).
5. The animal must undergo a 21-day period of isolation immediately upon arrival in The Cayman Islands in premises pre-approved by the Director of Agriculture (or their designate). During this period, the animal must have no contact with any equine not of a similar sanitary status. All expenses pertaining to isolation shall be borne by the owner, landlord or its agent.
6. No horse shall be landed in the Cayman Islands unless there is produced to the Inspector a health certificate (issued within 14 days of arrival) stating: -
 - (i) that such horse has been identified with an International Standards Organisation (Standard 11784 or Annex A to standard 11785) microchip with the number and location. These include some AVID®, Home Again®, and Identichip® microchips... those that are read by **134.2 kHz** scanners. *Please note: not all microchips conform to this standard.*
 - (ii) that such horse was healthy and clinically free from infectious or contagious disease;
 - (iii) that such horse has been treated within two (2) weeks of export with a product that is effective and has residual action against external parasites e.g. ticks; (name of the product and mode of application to be stated on the health certificate)

- (iv) that such horse was treated with a broad-spectrum de-wormer, to control internal parasites, within two (2) weeks of export; (name of the product, dose and mode of application to be stated on the health certificate)
- (v) that so far as it has been possible to ascertain, no case of *Dourine*, *Murrina* (*Mal de Caderas*), *Epizootic Lymphangitis*, *Ulcerative Lymphangitis*, *Rabies*, *Equine Influenza*, *Equine Infectious Anaemia* (*Swamp Fever*), *African Horse Sickness* (*AHS*), *Equine Encephalomyelitis* (*Eastern, Western or Venezuelan*), *Equine Viral Arteritis* (*EVA*), *Contagious Equine Metritis*, *Piroplasmosis*, and *Equine Rhinopneumonitis* has occurred in susceptible equine species within a radius of fifteen (15) miles of the stables where such horse was kept during the thirty (30) days immediately prior to the date of exportation;

that the horse was:

- (vi) vaccinated against Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE, WEE) not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of export, not more than 1 year prior to the date of export and as per manufacturer recommendations;
- (vii) vaccinated against Strangles (*Streptococcus equi*) with an inactivated vaccine as per manufacturer instructions, the last dose being not more than sixty (60) days and not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of export;
- (viii) that the horse was vaccinated against Rabies:
 - a) not less than ninety (90) days for an initial rabies vaccination
 - b) as per manufacturer recommendation if a horse has an up-to-date vaccination
 - c) not more than 1 year prior to the date of export;
- (ix) (a) fully vaccinated with inactivated vaccines against Equine Influenza (EI, A1 and A2), and against Equine Rhinopneumonitis, (Equine Herpes Virus Infection, EHV) as per manufacturer recommendations, between 21 and 90 days before shipment, either with a primary course or a booster;

(b) kept for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of export in an area where Equine Rhinopneumonitis (Equine Herpes Virus Infection, EHV) was not reported.
- (x) (a) tested serologically (Coggin's Test) for Equine Infectious Anaemia with negative results not more than thirty (30) days before shipment;

(b) that the particular area (the general size of which should be indicated) in which the horse was kept during the three (3) months immediately preceding the date of export was not an area where Equine Infectious Anaemia (Swamp Fever) and African Horse Sickness (AHS) is endemic;

(c) showed no clinical sign of AHS on the day of shipment

(d) have not been vaccinated against AHS within the last 40 days;
- (xi) (a) that the Contagious Equine Metritis Organism (CEMO) (*Taylorella equigenitalis*/*T. equigenitalis*) has never been isolated from the animal

mares showed no clinical sign of infection with *T. equigenitalis* on the day of shipment;

AND

horses have been:

- (a) kept since birth or for at least two years prior to shipment in a herd that has been free from infection with *T. equigenitalis*;

OR

(b)

AND

- i. kept for at least the last 60 days in a herd in which no case has been reported during that period;
- ii. subjected to tests for the detection of the agent, with negative results, carried out on samples collected on three occasions within a 12-day period, with an interval of no less than three days between sample collections, the last one being carried out within 30 days prior to shipment. Horses have not been treated with antibiotics for at least 7 days nor subjected to antiseptic washing of genital mucous membranes for at least 21 days prior to the first sample collection, and have not been mated or inseminated after the first sampling.

(xii) that so far as it has been possible to ascertain, such horse, if male, is not a cryptorchid.

(xiii) (a) that the horse has been tested serologically for EVA with a negative result, no more than 30 days prior to shipment
OR

if positive due to vaccination against EVA, there is evidence of a negative pre-vaccination serological test, including the date of the test and the date of the vaccination

(b) that such horse has not been mated since a negative result for EVA

(xiv) that the horse has been tested for Piroplasmosis (T. equi and B. caballi), with negative results, no more than 30 days prior to shipment

7. No fodder or litter shall be imported with the animal unless it originated from and was transported direct from the country from which the animal has originated.
8. The export health certificate at (3) shall be given by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
9. Accepted forms of local payments are Cayman Islands and United States cash and cheques drawn on a Cayman Islands bank made payable to the Cayman Islands Government, local bank transfers, credit and debit cards.

Accepted forms of international payments are United States Bank Draft and United States International Money orders, Manager's cheques, and Cashier's cheques, and wire transfers made payable to the Cayman Islands Government – no personal cheques, credit or debit cards are accepted).

ISOLATION FACILITY IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

1. All Equines arriving in The Cayman Islands must undergo an isolation period of 21 days (Pg. 1 #5).
2. The facility will be managed by the owner, landlord, or his/her agent.
3. The facility will be inspected by the Veterinary Officer or designate to ensure its suitability and that animals kept there are receiving proper care and welfare.
4. All fodder and transport crates must be appropriately removed and destroyed following completion of quarantine



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APPLICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Application Date: _____

Consignor (Exporter): _____

Consignee (Importer): _____

Pre-Approved Export
Quarantine facility Address _____

Post-Approved Import
Isolation facility Address: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Telephone/Fax Number: (ph) _____ (f) _____

Date of entry into quarantine: _____

Species: _____

Breed: _____

Name (of animal): _____

Identification: _____

Date of Export Departure/Arrival: _____ / _____

Method of Transport: _____

Please submit identifying marks sheet along with the completed application form.

DECLARATION OF THE OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE

I, the undersigned
(insert name in block letters), the owner or representative of the above-named horse declare that:

- (a) The vehicle or container for the transport of the horse from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with an officially approved disinfectant and was treated with an officially approved insecticide immediately prior to the loading of the animal.
- (b) The horse will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination and during the transportation, the horse will have no contact with animals not accompanied by the same certificate.
- (c) I have been informed that after arrival in the Cayman Islands the horse will be transported to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture Quarantine Centre or to the Pre-approved Quarantine on a private residence.
- (d) The horse has been resident in the country of dispatch continuously for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to dispatch to the Cayman Islands and during this period has not been used for breeding.

Signature of Importer: _____

Date Signed: _____