

CHAPTER 13

**MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE AND MODEL DECLARATION FOR THE ENTRY
INTO THE UNION OF EQUINE ANIMALS (MODEL “EQUI-X”)**

COUNTRY United States		Animal health/official certificate to the EU	
Part I: Description of consignment	I.1 Consignor/Exporter Name Address Country ISO country code	I.2 Certificate reference	I.2a IMSOC reference
		I.3 Central Competent Authority USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services	QR CODE
		I.4 Local Competent Authority VS-	
	I.5 Consignee/Importer Name Address Country ISO country code	I.6 Operator responsible for the consignment Name Address Country ISO country code	
	I.7 Country of origin United States ISO country code	I.9 Country of destination ISO country code	
	I.8 Region of origin Code	I.10 Region of destination Code	
	I.11 Place of dispatch Name Registration/Approval No Address Country ISO country code	I.12 Place of destination Name Registration/Approval No Address Country ISO country code	
	I.13 Place of loading	I.14 Date and time of departure	
	I.15 Means of transport <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Railway <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle Identification	I.16 Entry Border Control Post	
		I.17 Accompanying documents Type Country Commercial document reference Code ISO country code	
I.18 Transport conditions			
I.19 Container number/Seal number Container No Seal No			
I.20 Certified as or for <input type="checkbox"/> Further keeping <input type="checkbox"/> Registered equine animal <input type="checkbox"/> Registered horse			
I.21 <input type="checkbox"/> For transit Third country ISO country code		I.22 <input type="checkbox"/> For internal market	
		I.23	
I.24	I.25 Total quantity	I.26	

I.27 Description of consignment						
CN code	Species	Subspecies/Category	Sex	Identification system	Identification number	Age

II. Health information	II.a Certificate reference	II.b IMSOC reference
<p>II. Animal health attestation</p> <p>I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that:</p> <p>II.1. The equine animal described in Part I:</p> <p>II.1.1. is not intended for slaughter for human consumption and not intended for slaughter in the framework of the eradication of infectious or contagious diseases transmissible to equine animals, and:</p> <p>(¹) <i>either</i> [is a registered equine animal, as defined in Article 2, point (12), of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;]</p> <p>(¹) <i>or</i> [is a registered horse as defined in Article 2, point (12), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;]</p> <p>(¹) <i>or</i> [is an equine animal other than a registered equine animal or a registered horse;]</p> <p>II.1.2. has not shown signs or symptoms of diseases listed for equine animals in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 during the clinical examination carried out on (<i>insert date dd/mm/yyyy</i>) (²), this date being within the last 24 hours or, in the case of a registered equine animal, within the last 48 hours or on the last working day prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union from the registered establishment;</p> <p>II.1.3. meets the requirements attested in points II.2 to II.5, and where applicable in point II.6, of this animal health/official certificate;</p> <p>II.1.4. is accompanied by a written declaration, signed by the operator responsible for the animal, which is attached to this animal health/official certificate.</p> <p>II.2. <i>Attestation on third country or territory, or zone thereof and in establishment of dispatch</i></p> <p>II.2.1. The equine animal described in Part I is dispatched from ...the United States... (<i>insert name of third country or territory, or zone thereof</i>), a third country or territory, or zone thereof, which on the date of issuing this animal health/official certificate has the Code:US-0 (³) and is assigned to Sanitary Group ...C (³).</p> <p>II.2.2. The equine animal described in Part I comes from a third country or territory, or zone thereof in which there has been no clinical, serological (in unvaccinated equine animals) or epidemiological evidence of African horse sickness during the last 24 months prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union and there have been no systematic vaccinations against African horse sickness during the last 12 months prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.</p> <p>II.2.3. The equine animal described in Part I comes from an establishment situated in a third country or territory, or zone thereof in which:</p> <p>[infection with <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (glanders) has not been reported during the last 36 months prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.]</p> <p>II.2.4. The equine animal described in Part I comes from an establishment situated in a third country or territory, or zone thereof in which:</p> <p>[surra has not been reported during the last 24 month prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.]</p> <p>II.2.5. The equine animal described in Part I comes from an establishment situated in a third country or territory, or zone thereof in which:</p> <p>[dourine has not been reported during the last 24 months prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.]</p> <p>II.2.6. The equine animal described in Part I comes from an establishment in which:</p> <p>[equine infectious anaemia has not been reported during the last 12 months prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.]</p> <p>II.2.7. The equine animal described in Part I comes from an establishment in which:</p> <p>II.2.7.1. infection with rabies virus in kept terrestrial animals has not been reported during the last 30 days prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union;</p> <p>II.2.7.2. anthrax in ungulates has not been reported during the last 15 days prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.</p> <p>II.2.8. To the best of my knowledge and as declared by the operator, the equine animal described in Part I has not been in contact with kept animals of listed species which did not comply with the requirements referred to in points II.2.2 to II.2.7.1 during the last 30 days prior to the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union, and with the requirement referred to in point II.2.7.2 during the last 15 days prior to the</p>		

	date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.
	II.3. <i>Attestation of residence and isolation prior to dispatch to the Union</i>
(¹) <i>either</i>	[II.3.1. During the last 40 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 40 days of age, the equine animal described in Part I has been continuously resident in the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch or entered the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch from a Member State of the European Union or Norway.]
(¹) <i>or</i>	[II.3.1. During the last 40 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 40 days of age, the registered horse described in Part I:
	(¹) <i>either</i> [has been continuously resident in the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch.]
	(¹) <i>or</i> [entered the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch on one or more occasions from:
	(¹) <i>either</i> [a Member State of the European Union or Norway;]]]
	(¹) <i>and/or</i> [a third country or territory, or zone thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of registered horses, and from which it was introduced into the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch under conditions at least as strict as those required in accordance with Union legislation for the entry of registered horses from that third country or territory, or zone thereof directly to the Union, and which is:
	(¹) <i>either</i> [assigned to the same Sanitary Group ...C... (³) as the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch;]]]
	(¹) <i>and/or</i> [assigned to Sanitary Group A, B or C;]]]
	(¹) <i>and/or</i> [the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, China (⁵) (⁶), Hong Kong, Japan South Korea, Macao or Singapore.]]]
(¹) <i>either</i>	[II.3.2. The equine animal described in Part I is dispatched from a third country or territory, or zone thereof assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D or G, and:
	(¹) <i>either</i> [during the last 30 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 30 days of age or since entry from a Member State of the Union or Norway,
	(¹) <i>either</i> [it has been kept apart from other equine animals, except in case of a foal at foot of his mother, in an establishment situated in a third country or territory, or zone thereof assigned to Sanitary Group A.]]]
	(¹) <i>or</i> [it has been kept in pre-export isolation from other equine animals, except in case of a foal at foot of his mother, in an establishment situated in a third country or territory, or zone thereof assigned to Sanitary Group B, C, D or G.]]]
	(¹) <i>or</i> [it is a registered horse which has been kept in establishments under official veterinary supervision during the last 30 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 30 days of age, or since entry in accordance with point II.3.1 from a Member State of the European Union, Norway or a third country or territory, or zone thereof which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G.]]]
(¹) (⁷) <i>or</i>	[II.3.2. The equine animal described in Part I is dispatched from a third country or territory, or zone thereof assigned to Sanitary Group E, and:
	(¹) <i>either</i> [during the last 40 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 40 days of age, or since the date of entry in accordance with point II.3.1 from a Member State of the European Union, Norway or a third country or territory, or zone thereof which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G, it has been kept:
	(¹) <i>either</i> [in isolation in a vector-protected establishment.]]]
	(¹) <i>or</i> [in an establishment under official veterinary supervision, and the country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch is recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as officially free of African horse sickness.]]]
	(¹) <i>or</i> [is a registered horse which has been kept during the last 30 days prior to the date of its dispatch, or since birth if it is less than 30 days of age, or since the date of entry in accordance with point II.3.1 from a Member State of the European Union, Norway or a third country or territory, or zone thereof which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G, in the establishments under official veterinary supervision, and the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union is recognised by the WOAH as officially free of African horse sickness.]]]
(¹) (⁷) <i>or</i>	[II.3.2. The registered horse described in Part I is dispatched from a third country or territory, or zone thereof assigned to Sanitary Group F, and:

- ⁽¹⁾ *either* [during the last 40 days prior to the date of dispatch it has been kept in isolation in a vector-protected establishment.]]
- ⁽¹⁾ *or* [during the last 14 days prior to the date of dispatch to the Union it has been kept in isolation in a vector-protected establishment and constant monitoring of the vector protection has proven absence of insect vectors inside the vector-protected establishment.]]

II.4. *Attestation of vaccination and health tests*

- [II.4.1. The equine animal described in Part I was not vaccinated against African horse sickness in the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch and there is no information suggesting previous vaccination.]
- II.4.2. The equine animal described in Part I has not been vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis during the last 60 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, and:
[it comes from an establishment situated in a third country or territory in which Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not been reported during the last 24 months prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union.]
- [II.4.3. The equine animal described in Part I was subjected with negative result to an agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID or Coggins test) or to an ELISA for equine infectious anaemia ⁽⁴⁾ carried out on a blood sample taken on (insert date), this being within:
[the last 30 days prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union.]]
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- ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ [II.4.8.

II.5. *Attestation of the transport conditions*

- ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ *either* [II.5.1. The equine animal described in Part I is dispatched to the Union from a third country or territory, or zone thereof assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G and arrangements have been made to transport it directly to the Union, without subjecting the animal to any assembly operation and without coming into contact with other equine animals not complying with at least the same health requirements as described in this animal health/official certificate.]
- II.5.2. Arrangements have been made and verified to prevent any contact with other equine animals not complying with at least the same health requirements as described in this animal health/official certificate during the period from the date of certification until the date of dispatch of the animal to the Union.
- II.5.3. The transport vehicles or containers in which the animal is going to be loaded were cleaned and disinfected before loading of the animal for dispatch to the Union with a disinfectant officially recognised in the third country or territory of dispatch and are so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

~~⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁹⁾ [II.6. **Public health attestation** [Delete when the Union is not the final destination of the animals]~~

~~I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the equine animal described in Part I:~~

~~‘(1) (10) [II.6.a. Attestation as regards Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/905 [Delete when the Union is not the final destination of the animals]~~

~~———— I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the animals described in Part I have not been administered antimicrobial medicinal products for growth promotion or yield increase or antimicrobial medicinal products containing an antimicrobial that is included in the list of antimicrobials reserved for the treatment of certain infections in humans laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1255, as set out in Article 3 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/905 and originate from a third country or region thereof listed in accordance with Article 5(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/905.]’~~

~~II.6.1. — in the third country or territory of dispatch to the Union has not received:~~

- ~~———— prohibited substances listed in Table 2 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010;~~
- ~~———— any stilbene or thyrostatic substances;~~

~~oestrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic or beta-agonist substances for purposes other than therapeutic or zootechnical treatment (as defined in Council Directive 96/22/EC);~~
 II.6.2. ~~fulfils the guarantees covering equine animals provided by the control plan submitted and approved in accordance with Article 6(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 and it has been dispatched from a third country or territory listed for equine animals in Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405.]~~

Notes:

This animal health/official certificate is intended for the entry into the Union of equine animals, including when the Union is not the final destination of the animals.

In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, references to the Union in this animal health/official certificate include the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.

This animal health/official certificate shall be completed in accordance with the notes for the completion of certificates provided for in Chapter 4 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235.

Part I:

Box reference I.6: Provide the information on the operator responsible for the animal.

Box reference I.8: Provide the code of the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union as appearing in column 2 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

Box reference I.27: "Identification system": The animal shall be individually identified with one of the methods of identification laid down in Article 21(2), point (a), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, or be identified by an alternative method provided it is recorded in the identification document (passport) of the animal as referred to in Article 21(2), point (b)(i), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692. Specify the identification system and the anatomic place used on the animal. If a passport accompanies the animal, its number shall be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it.

Part II:

(1) Delete if not applicable.

(2) The animal health/official certificate shall be issued within the last 10 days prior to the date of arrival of the consignment at the border control post; in the case of transport by sea, the period may be extended by an additional period corresponding to the duration of the journey by sea.

The entry into the Union shall not be allowed when the animal was loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for the entry into the Union from the respective third country or territory, or zone thereof referred to in point II.2.1, or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the Union against the entry into the Union of equine animals from that third country or territory, or zone thereof. Check against columns 8 and 9 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

(3) Code of the third country or territory, or zone thereof and the Sanitary Group as appearing respectively in columns 2 and 3 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

(4) Tests for glanders, surra, dourine, equine infectious anaemia and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis described by the European Union Reference Laboratory for Equine Diseases other than African horse sickness:
<https://sitesv2.anses.fr/en/minisite/equine-diseases/sop>

(5) Zone of the third country or territory authorised for the entry into the Union as appearing respectively in columns 2 and 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

(6) Only authorised if the third country or territory of dispatch is assigned to Sanitary Group G.

(7) Statements that relate entirely and exclusively to a Sanitary Group different from the Sanitary Group to which the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union is assigned, may be left out, provided that the numbering of the subsequent statements is maintained.

(8) Tests for African horse sickness described by the European Union Reference Laboratory for African horse sickness:

<https://www.mapa.gob.es/en/ganaderia/temas/laboratorios/referencia-union-europea-oie/diagnostico/default.aspx>

(9) By deleting this point, the equine animal, if intended for free circulation in accordance with the customs procedures laid down in Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1), will be excluded from slaughter for human consumption in the identification document issued in accordance with Union animal health rules.

(10) Applicable to consignments entering the Union as from 3 September 2026.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters)

Date

Qualification and title
USDA Accredited Veterinarian

Signature

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters)

Date

Qualification and title

Stamp

Signature

Declaration by the operator responsible for the entry into the Union of the consignment of equine animal

Identification of the animal ⁽¹⁾

Species (Scientific name)	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex
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I, the undersigned operator of the equine animal described above, hereby declare, that:

- the equine animal:
 - ⁽²⁾ *either* [has remained in (*insert name of third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union*) during a at least 40 days prior to the date of dispatch to the Union, or since birth, or since the entry from a Member State the European Union or Norway;]
 - ⁽²⁾ *or* [entered (*insert name of third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union*) during the required residence period of at least 40 days prior to the date of dispatch to the Union:
 - (a) on (*insert date*) from (*insert name of third country or territory from where the horse entered the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union*)
 - (b) on (*insert date*) from (*insert name of third country or territory from where the horse entered the third country, territory or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union*)
 - (c) on (*insert date*) from (*insert name of third country or territory from where the horse entered the third country or territory or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union*);]
- during the last 15 days prior to the date of dispatch to the Union the equine animal has not been in contact with animals suffering from infectious or contagious diseases transmissible to equine animals;
- the conditions for residence and isolation prior to dispatch to the Union as applicable in accordance with point II.3 of the accompanying animal health/official certificate for the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union are fulfilled;
- the conditions for the transport as applicable in accordance with point II.5 of the accompanying animal health/official certificate for the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch to the Union are fulfilled;
- I am aware of the animal health and veterinary certification requirements for the movement of equine animals from one Member State of the European Union to another laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688;
- the equine animal is scheduled to leave the European Union on (*insert date*) at the border post of (*insert name and place of border post of exit*) or otherwise will be subject to the identification and registration rules applicable in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.

Name and address of the operator:

Date:(dd/mm/yyyy)

.....
(Signature)

⁽¹⁾ Identification system: The animal shall be individually identified with one of the methods of identification laid down in Article 21(2), point (a), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, or be identified by an alternative method provided it is recorded in identification document (passport) of the animal as referred to in Article 21(2), point (b)(i), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal.

If a passport accompanies the animal, its number shall be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it.

Age: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy).

Sex (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).

⁽²⁾ Delete if not applicable.