

**Model Veterinary Health Certificate for Importation of Horses Into The United States**  
**From Contagious Equine Metritis-affected and FMD Affected Regions Requiring a Three Day Quarantine**

**Veterinary Authority**

**Date Of Issue**

**Health Certificate Number**

**1. Consignor:**

**Name**

**Address**

**Country**

**2. Consignee in the United States:**

**Name**

**Address**

**Country**

**3. Country Of Origin/ISO code:**

**4. State Of Origin:**

**5. Premise/Farm Of Origin:**

**Name**

**Address**

**6. Port Of Embarkation/ Entry Point/ Border Port:**

**7. Estimated Date Of Shipment:**

**8. Means Of Transport:**

**9. Place of Destination:**

**10. Description: \*Registered Name/Breed/Color/Sex/Distinctive Markings:**

**\*Clear identifications must accompany this certificate: photographs, brand, tattoo, microchip, and/or a silhouette indicating markings. A passport identifying the horse may be attached to this certificate provided that the passport number is included.**

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This is to certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), I examined the horse identified above:

I. The horse was in the country of export for the last 60 days immediately preceding exportation to the United States. If residing in the country for less than 60 days the horse is accompanied by a like health certificate issued by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the National Government of each country in which the horse has been during the 60 days immediately preceding shipment to the United States, with the residency dates spent in each country specified;

Has been inspected and found to be free of contagious diseases and, insofar as can be determined, not exposed to communicable diseases immediately preceding exportation, or if applicable, during the indicated period of residency in any of the countries listed;

Has not been vaccinated with a live, attenuated or inactivated vaccine during the 14 days immediately preceding exportation;

Has not been on premises where African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine piroplasmosis, equine infectious anemia (EIA), contagious equine metritis (CEM), vesicular stomatitis, or Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred during the 60 days in the countries where the horse has resided immediately preceding exportation, nor have these diseases occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time;

Has been examined and found to be free of ectoparasites.

## II. Contagious Equine Metritis

For horses less than 731 days of age:

Has never been used for breeding, either live or artificial.

For all intact males over 731 days of age and intact males under 731 days of age which have been used for breeding:

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date), specimens (4) were collected from the mucosal surface of the prepuce, the urethral sinus, the distal urethra and the fossa glandis (including the diverticulum of the fossa glandis).

The date of sampling is within 30 days of export but not less than 21 days following treatment if treated for CEM.

For all females over 731 days of age and females under 731 days of age which have been used for breeding:

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date), specimens (3) were collected from the mucosal surface of the clitoral fossa, clitoral sinuses, and if the mare is not pregnant, the distal cervix or endometrium.

The date of sampling is within 30 days of export but not less than 21 days following treatment if treated for CEM.

All specimens were received and plated within 48 hours of collection by a laboratory approved by the National Government Animal Health Authority to perform bacteriological tests for CEM.

Name of Laboratory Used \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Date \_\_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The horse was not bred naturally or by artificial insemination from the time of specimen collection to the date of export.

Either the horse has never cultured positive for the CEM organism

OR

The horse cultured positive on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), was treated using (describe protocol) and has been cultured negative on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) being not less than 21 days after the last topical antibiotic treatment.

### III. Foot and Mouth Mitigations:

1. Within the five (5) days immediately prior to export, this horse has not been on any premises or quarantined area identified to be infected with FMD, nor has the above horse been in direct or indirect contact with domestic or wild animals, including ruminants and swine, that have been in a FMD region or on an FMD affected or quarantined premises.
2. The following procedures were performed in the exporting country immediately prior to export:
  - (a) The horse was groomed to remove dirt and debris, and subsequently wiped, sprayed and/or sponged down with vinegar or a solution of 6.5 ounces of concentrated glacial acetic acid in 1 gallon of water or another APHIS approved disinfectant prior to use.
  - (b) The horse's hooves were cleaned free of dirt, manure, and debris, and then disinfected with a 4% sodium carbonate solution or another approved APHIS disinfectant prior to use.
  - (c) Any equipment (tack, blankets, sheets, leg wraps, etc.) accompanying the horse has been laundered or cleaned to remove dirt and debris prior to disinfection with a 4% sodium carbonate (soda ash) solution or another APHIS approved disinfectant prior to use.
  - (d) Prior to loading the horse, all crates and transportation vehicles were cleaned and disinfected with a 4% sodium carbonate (soda ash) solution or another APHIS approved product prior to use.

Signature of Examining Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Official Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorized veterinarian for the National Veterinary Services OR officially recognized full-time animal health government representative.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_