

**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.