

Model Veterinary Health Certificate for Importation of Horses Into The United States

From Regions Affected With African Horse Sickness, Contagious Equine Metritis, Foot and Mouth Disease and Screwworm Requiring a Sixty 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:

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 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 in each country specified.

Has been inspected and found to be free of contagious diseases and, insofar as can be determined, not exposed to any 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 fourteen (14) days immediately preceding exportation.

Has not been on premises where African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine piroplasmiasis, equine infectious anemia, contagious equine metritis, vesicular stomatitis, or Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred during the sixty (60) days 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

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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 _____

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. Examination and treatment for screwworm:

1. A veterinarian must treat horses with ivermectin 3 to 5 days prior to the date of export to the United States according to the recommended dose prescribed on the product's label.
2. Horses must be examined for screwworm by a full-time salaried veterinary official of the exporting country within 24 hours prior to shipment to the United States. The official must fully examine the horses, including their external genitalia. If horses are found to be infested with screwworm, they must be treated until free from infestation.
3. At the time horses are loaded onto a means of conveyance for export, a veterinarian must treat any visible wounds on the animals with a solution of coumaphos dust at a concentration of 5% active ingredient.
4. Horses must be accompanied to the United States by a certificate signed by a full-time salaried veterinary official of the exporting country. The certificate must state that the horses, including their

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external genitalia, have been thoroughly examined and found free of screwworm. Horses must be examined by a veterinarian at the expense of the owner or broker. For this examination, male horses must be tranquilized or sedated so that the external genitalia of the horses can be thoroughly examined.

IV. 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 ruminants or swine that have been in a FMD quarantine area or on an FMD affected or quarantined premises.

2. The following procedures were performed in the exporting country to loading for departure:

(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 approved disinfectant.

(b)The horse's hooves were cleaned and disinfected with a 4% sodium carbonate (soda ash) solution or Virkon S in a manner to ensure that the hooves are free of dirt, manure and debris.

(c)Prior to loading the horse, all crates and transportation vehicles were cleaned and disinfected with an approved product.

(d)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 an approved product.

(e)The equipment was cleaned and disinfected with a 4% sodium carbonate (soda ash) solution immediately prior to shipment. The disinfectant used will have removed the risk of this equipment transmitting the foot-and-mouth disease virus.

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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 _____