

**CONDITIONS FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Environment & Water, Animal Welfare Department (MEW/AWD) before shipment leaves the exporting country.
2. In order to obtain an Import Permit a fully completed Import Permit Application form should be submitted to the UAE MEW/AWD. Fax: **(00971) 4 336 1579**. At UAE MEW's discretion copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.

Application Forms are available from the MEW Equine Veterinary Advisors Office Tel: (00 971) 4 336 1771 or Fax: (00 971) 4 336 1579.

Note: A MEW charge is levied on all Permits. This fee must be paid and a copy of the yellow receipt returned to the Vet. Advisor's Office before the Permit can be issued. Details of the method of payment may be obtained from the Veterinary Advisor's office.

3. All horses must be certified as having been resident in the EU for the 21 days immediately prior to export and as having been on premises under veterinary supervision during the 15 days immediately prior to export.

In this context " Veterinary Supervision" is taken to mean that a Veterinary Surgeon visited the premises within 7 days prior to the start of the 15 day supervision period and at least every 7 days thereafter, until the time of export, and during these visits, the Veterinary Surgeons concerned were able to satisfy themselves that there were no signs of infectious or contagious disease which might affect equines, on the premises.

4. Horses must be subjected to the following blood test with negative results, carried out on a sample collected within 30 days of export and, if the horses have been imported into the EU, at least 14 days after the date of entry.
  - i. Coggins Test for Equine Infectious Anaemia.

The above test to be carried out in a European Union laboratory approved for that purpose by the Competent Authority of a Member State.

5. All horses must be certified as being fully vaccinated against Equine Flu, between 90 and 14 days prior to export – see paragraph III (h) of the model Certificate for details.
6. When horses are sent to UAE they must be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued by a Veterinary Officer approved by the Government Veterinary Service of the exporting country.

The certificate should be in a similar form to, and contain all the information in the Model Certificate at Annex A to these Conditions.

Where horses are not moved directly from the premises of origin (the premises, where they were examined and certified for export), to the Airport of departure, Supplementary Certification must be provided in the form set out in Annex B to these Conditions.

The certificates should in English and, where English is not understood by the certifying Veterinary Officer, the language of the exporting country.

Dates must be inserted and deletions made where appropriate.

7. Temporarily imported horses will normally only be allowed to remain in the UAE for a maximum of 30 days unless special permission is granted by the UAE Ministry of Environment & Water.

8. Whilst in the UAE the horse(s) will be held in isolation in an officially approved Isolation Centre, except when taking part in approved training or competition. Horses may be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the Ministry of Environment.
9. Should the horse(s) 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.
10. All horses must arrive by Air at one of the approved International Airports - Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, unless special authority is granted for landing elsewhere.

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**HEALTH CERTIFICATE**  
**FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORT OF HORSES FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION TO**  
**THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

No. of certificate.....

Member State of dispatch (1): .....

Ministry responsible: .....

**I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL**

Name	Breed - Age – Sex - Colour	Method of identification
<p>1. A passport identifying the equine horse may be attached to this certificate provided that its number is stated</p> <p>a) No of identification document (passport): .....</p> <p>b) Validity by: ..... (Name of competent authority)</p>		

**II. ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF THE HORSE**

The horse is to be sent from: .....  
(Place of export, examination and certification)

To: .....The United Arab Emirates.....

(By Lorry / Aircraft) .....  
(Indicate means of transport & registration marks, flight number or registered name as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor:.....  
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Name and address of consignee: .....  
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**III. HEALTH INFORMATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that the Horse described above meets the following requirements:

- a)** It has been examined today ..... (date), being within 24 hours of export, and shows no clinical signs of infectious and contagious disease, and is certified free from external parasites. The horse is fit to travel today.
- b)** It is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication.
- c)** (i) the said animal does not come from the territory or part of the territory(1) of a Member State which is the subject of restrictions for reasons of African Horse Sickness; and
  - (ii) Either (a) the said animal is not vaccinated against African Horse Sickness; (5)
  - Or (b) the said animal was vaccinated against African Horse Sickness on ..... (date)(5)

- d)** It does not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons, nor had contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons.
  - i) During six months in the case of equidae suspected of having contracted Dourine, beginning on the date of the last actual or possible contact with a sick animal. However, in the case of a stallion, the prohibition should apply until the animal is castrated.
  - ii) During six months in the case of Glanders or Equine Encephalomyelitis, beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease in question are slaughtered.
  - iii) In the case of Infectious Anaemia, until the date on which, the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals have shown a negative reaction to two Coggins Tests carried out 3 months apart.
  - iv) During six months from the last case in the case of Vesicular Stomatitis.
  - v) During one month from the last case, in the case of Rabies.
  - vi) During 15 days from the last recorded case, in the case of Anthrax.

If all the animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered and the premises disinfected, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, beginning on the day on which the animals were destroyed and the premises disinfected, except in the case of Anthrax, where the period of prohibition is 15 days.

- e)** To the best of my knowledge it has been resident on premises under veterinary supervision for the 15 days immediately prior to export and, during that time, it has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an Infectious or Contagious disease.
- f)** As far as can be ascertained, and based on a written declaration by the owner/agent, it has been resident in the European Union for at least the 21 days immediately prior to export.
- g)** On .....(date) being within 30 days of export, and, if imported into the EU, at least 14 days after the date of entry, blood samples were taken from the said animal and were submitted to testing by an Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (Coggins) Test for Equine Infectious Anaemia, with a negative result (4).
- h)** During the 90 days immediately prior to export, but not within 14 days of export, the horse received;
  - Either (i) at least two primary vaccinations against Equine Influenza, given between 21 and 42 days apart (5) (6).  
 Dates of vaccinations 1.....2.....
  - Or (ii) it received a booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a certified primary course, or within 12 months of a certified booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12 month period since the primary course (6).  
 Date of booster vaccination .....
- i)** It shows no clinical signs of Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) and, as far as can be determined, during the last 60 days, it has not been on any holding where there has been any suspicion of CEM during that time, nor has it had contact indirectly, or directly through coitus, with equidae infected or suspected of being infected with CEM:
- j)** I have a written declaration, signed by the owner of the representative, stating that:

(i) The horse will be sent from the premises of origin to the Airport of dispatch without coming into contact with other equine animals which do not meet UAE Temporary Import Conditions as specified in this certificate, in a vehicle cleansed and disinfected in advance with a disinfectant officially recognised in the country of dispatch, AND

EITHER

(ii) The horse will be sent directly from the premises of origin to the Airport of dispatch, or, (5)

OR

(iii) The horse will not be sent directly from the premises of origin to the Airport of dispatch but it will be unloaded at the following premises, en route, and Supplementary Certification in the form specified at Annex B to UAE Import Conditions for the temporary import of horses from the EU, will be provided for each premises (5) (2)

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**IV.** The certificate is valid for 10 days.

Date	Place	Stamp (*) and signature of the official veterinarian

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(Name in block letters, qualification and title)

(\*) The colour of the stamp must be different to that of the printing

1. Part of territory in accordance with Article 13 (2) of Council Directive 90/426/EEC.
2. The approved Veterinary Surgeon(s) supervising the isolation(s) must provide certification equivalent to that attached at Annex B to the U.A.E. Import Conditions for the temporary import of horses from the E.U.
3. In case of registered equidae vaccinations have to be entered in the identification document (passport).
4. All laboratory tests must be carried out at an E.U. Laboratory, approved for export testing by the Competent Authority of the Member State of export.
5. Delete as appropriate.
6. For UAE import purposes a primary course of vaccinations will be considered to consist of at least two doses of the same vaccine given 21 – 42 days apart. Consideration will be given at intervals outside these limits but ONLY if it can be shown that they are in line with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, certify that:

- (i) The horses identified in Health Certificate No(s) ..... were held in isolation at ..... from .....(time and date)  
Until ..... (time and date).
  
- (ii) To the best of my knowledge, and based on a written declaration of the owner/manager of the premises, there has been no evidence of infectious or contagious diseases of equines during the 15 days immediately prior to the entry of the export horses identified above.

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Signature

.....  
Date

Official Stamp

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Name and Qualifications (in block capitals)