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PROPOSED REVISED QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF AUSTRALIAN HORSES FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) AFTER INTERNATIONAL RACES OR OTHER EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

Conditions of Administration

Conditions of administration, including details of import permit requirements and transport arrangements, are available from the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). Contact details are:

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The full requirements can also be viewed on AQIS' Import Conditions database ICON at www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp

Format of the veterinary certificate

1. An original veterinary certificate that conforms to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Code) [Model International Veterinary Certificates](#) must accompany each consignment; and must:

- be written in English, and a language understood by the Official Veterinarian of the country of export
- meet all requirements of the “veterinary certification” section of these conditions
- provide the identification for each animal (microchip number/site or brand or silhouette).
- include description, species, sex and age
- include the name and address of the importer and exporter
- include the AQIS Import Permit number

2. An Official Veterinarian of the Government Veterinary Administration must:

- provide a separate veterinary certificate for each horse
- sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and all documents eg laboratory reports that form part of the extended health certification with the stamp of the government veterinary administration
- provide name, signature and contact details on the veterinary certificate.

3. AQIS will only accept copies of documents where each page bears the original signature, date and stamp of the Official Veterinarian.

Veterinary certification for the re-importation of horses from the UAE after international races or other equestrian events

Importation under these conditions is restricted to horses that have been imported directly into the UAE from Australia or New Zealand.

Permission to import must be obtained in writing from AQIS prior to the export of the horses. A full description of each horse (including tattoos, microchips, brands, silhouettes) must be provided with the permit application.

An Australian or New Zealand quarantine veterinarian may be required to accompany the shipment to Australia at the importer's expense.

Certification

1. Since being imported from Australia or New Zealand the horse has been resident and stabled under official supervision in approved insect-screened isolation premises situated at least 200 metres from any place where camels or livestock may be held depastured or exercised:

- other than during transport from and to the ports of import and export
- during training and competing.

2. The horse was treated with an approved insect repellent on each occasion prior to leaving the premises.

3. The horse has been held in the approved isolation premises after the international events for at least 7 days immediately prior to export.

4. While in the UAE the horse:

- has remained free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease
- has not been in contact with horses not of the same health status other than at the time of the international events
- had no contact during the international events with any horses which were suffering from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease
- has not at any time while outside the insect screened isolation premises (ie while training or competing, and during transport to and from venues) been within 200 metres of camels or livestock, or of horses not associated with the race meeting or international event.

5. Equine influenza has not been reported in the UAE during the 3 months prior to the date of this certification.

6. The horse was vaccinated using approved inactivated vaccines in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations not less than 7 days prior to the date of export to the UAE, and not more than 4 months prior to the date of return to Australia against:

- equine influenza types A1 and A2

7. During the 12 months prior to the date of this certification, the UAE has been free from:

- African horse sickness
- dourine

- epizootic lymphangitis
- glanders
- Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis
- vesicular stomatitis

8. The vehicle for the transport of the horse to the airport was cleaned and disinfected with a prescribed disinfectant to the satisfaction of the Official Veterinarian prior to loading the animals.

9. During transport the horse had no contact with animals except those of equivalent certified health status.

10. The horse was thoroughly examined by, or under the direct supervision of, an Official Veterinarian within 48 hours after the international event and was i) found to be free from ticks, or ii) treated with a parasiticide effective against ticks. The examination was conducted in a systematic manner with close attention to the ears, false nostrils, axillary, inguinal and submandibular areas, perineum, mane and tail.

11. The horse was re-examined within 24 hours prior to export and found to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease, free from external parasites and fit to travel.

12. The Official Veterinarian must be satisfied the following requirements have met the recommendations of the OIE Animal Health Code and that the containers are of a standard not less than that required by the International Air Transport Association Live Animal Regulations:

- the preparation for transport
- disinfection of the interior of the aircraft
- disinfection of removable equipment
- disinfection of penning and containers.

Post-arrival quarantine requirements for the re-importation of horses from the UAE

1. On return to Australia the horse will be required to undergo post-arrival quarantine (PAQ) at a Government Animal Quarantine Station for 14 days.

2. During the 14 day PAQ period in Australia, the horse will be:

- held in stables that have been fumigated with an insecticide prior to arrival of the horses and which are fumigated during PAQ in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations
- treated with an approved insect repellent on each occasion prior to being taken out of the stables
- tested for surra antibodies by enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (Ab ELISA) at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory
- subjected to any testing or treatment prescribed by AQIS.

3. If the horse fails a test or shows signs of disease during PAQ that horse, and any or all other horses in the PAQ premises, may be:

- detained in quarantine for further testing and observation
- exported at the importer's expense or
- destroyed without recompense.