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**QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF AUSTRALIAN HORSES
FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AFTER COMPETING IN INTERNATIONAL
RACES OR OTHER EQUESTRIAN EVENTS**

Conditions of Administration

Importation under these conditions is restricted to horses that have been imported directly into the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Australia or New Zealand to compete in international equestrian events, have remained in the UAE since importation, and are being returned to Australia not more than 60 days (racehorses) or 42 days (horses for other competition) after export to the UAE. The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) may allow importation of Australian horses that have been imported into the UAE from an approved third country to which that horse had been exported from Australia within the previous 60 days.

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.

Each horse must have entered the UAE by fulfilling the temporary importation requirements into the UAE in accordance with the model health certificate for the temporary admission of registered horses into the United Arab Emirates from Australia or New Zealand.

Other conditions of administration, including details of import permit requirements and transport arrangements, are available from 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.

Documentation

Each horse will travel with:

- a current international passport in accord with the Model Passport for International Movement of Competition Horses recommended in the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (the Code), or a similar official document issued by an internationally recognised horse organisation, and
- an original international veterinary certificate in accord with the Code signed by an *Official Veterinarian of the country of export.

*Note: **Official Veterinarian** means a veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the Certification Procedures of Section 1.2.2. of the Code.

Format of the veterinary certificate

1. The veterinary certificate must:

- be written in English
- certify the requirements detailed in the **Veterinary certification** section of these conditions
- provide the identification for each horse (description, species, sex and age, passport details, microchip number/site or brand or silhouette) and
- include the name and address of the importer and exporter and the AQIS Import Permit number.

2. The certifying Official Veterinarian 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
- record his/her 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 return of horses from the UAE after international races or other equestrian events

1. 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 and vesicular stomatitis, and no case of surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*) has been diagnosed in equines.

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

3. The horse was vaccinated against equine influenza using an approved inactivated vaccine not less than 14 days prior to the date of export to the UAE, and not more than 4 months prior to the date of return to Australia:

- once as a booster to a certified primary course or
- twice at an interval of 4 to 6 weeks.

4. Since being imported from Australia or New Zealand the horse has been continuously resident under official supervision in approved isolation premises other than while:

- being transported from and to the ports of import and export
- being transported to and from training and competition venues
- training under official supervision and competing.

During this time, no horses other than horses of equivalent health status were held at the premises.

5. While at the isolation premises the horse was stabled in insect-screened stables and was treated with an approved insect repellent on each occasion prior to leaving the stables.

6. While in the UAE the horse has:

- remained free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease
- not been in contact with horses not of the same health status other than at the time of the international race meeting or other equestrian event
- had no direct contact during the international events with any horses which were suffering from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease
- not been within 200 metres of any place where camels or livestock may be held depastured or exercised, or within 100 metres of horses not associated with the international race meeting or equestrian event, other than while being transported between the isolation premises and training and competition venues or ports of import and export.

7. The horse was thoroughly examined by, or under the direct supervision of, an Official Veterinarian within 48 hours after each training session and after the international event/s 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.

8. The horse has been continuously held in pre-export quarantine (PEQ) in the approved isolation premises after the last international event for at least 14 days immediately prior to export other than while:

- being transported to and from training venues
- training under official supervision
- being transported to the port of export.

9. While in PEQ, the horse:

- had no contact with any horse except other horses of the same consignment
- was tested for surra (*T. evansi*) by an antibody enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (Ab ELISA), haematocrit centrifugation and buffy coat smear examination as described in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines, and for equine piroplasmiasis (*Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi*) by indirect fluorescent antibody tests (IFAT), on samples collected not less than 5 days after commencement of PEQ, with negative results in each case.

10. *The horse, being a thoroughbred racehorse imported for racing, is being exported to Australia not more than 60 days since being imported from Australia. OR

*The horse, being a horse imported for competition other than thoroughbred racing, is being exported to Australia not more than 42 days since being imported from Australia.

* One to be deleted.

11. I examined the horse within 24 hours prior to leaving the PEQ premises for the port of export and found it to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease, free of external parasites and fit to travel.

12. The container for the transport of the horse to the port of export was cleaned and disinfected with a prescribed disinfectant to the satisfaction of the Official Veterinarian prior to loading the animals. Prior to loading the horse was treated with an approved insect repellent and after loading the container was disinfected.

13. During transport the horse had no contact with horses except those of the same consignment.

14. I am satisfied, after due enquiry, 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, removable equipment and 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 or a Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) for 14 days.

2. During the 14 day PAQ period in Australia, the horse will be held in stables that have been sprayed with a residual insecticide (eg permethrin) prior to arrival of the horses, and will be treated with an approved insect repellent on each occasion prior to being taken out of the stables.

3. If the horse shows signs of illness during PAQ, it may be tested for surra at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory, and/or subjected to any other testing or treatment prescribed by AQIS. If an exotic disease is diagnosed 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.

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