

PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EQUINES

General Requirements

Horses or other equines that are imported from other countries must undergo a **3-day quarantine** on arrival in the U.S. The list of countries from which horses would be eligible for 3-day quarantine currently includes:

Afghanistan
Albania
Australia
Bermuda
British Virgin Islands
European Union Countries*
 Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic,
 Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany,
 Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia,
 Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The
 Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania,
 Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
Hong Kong
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Lebanon
Mexico
Norway
New Zealand
Pakistan
Russia
South Korea
Switzerland
Turkey

Certification Statements

The official health certificate must include statements that the horse has:

(a) Resided in the exporting country for 60 days immediately preceding importation to the United States. If that has not been the case, then the official veterinarian from a country where the horse has been for 60 days prior to importation into the United States must issue the health certificate.

(b) Not been in a country where contagious equine metritis (CEM) is known to exist, nor has had any contact with horses, by breeding or in any manner exposed, from such a country, for the 12 months preceding exportation.

(c) Not been on a premises where African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine piroplasmosis, equine infectious anemia (EIA), contagious equine metritis (CEM), vesicular stomatitis, or Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation, nor have any of these disease occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time.

(d) Not been vaccinated for any diseases during the 14 days immediately preceding exportation.

(e) Been inspected and found to be free of contagious diseases and insofar as can be determined, exposure thereto during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation.

(f) Been inspected and found free from ectoparasites.