

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

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HORTEM.HK 22 August 2017 – HORSES FOR TEMPORARY EXPORT TO HONG KONG

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for Horses for temporary export to Hong Kong HORTEM.HK dated 22 August 2017;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of Horses for temporary export to Hong Kong HORTEM.HK 25 MAY 2017;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for Horses for temporary export to Hong Kong.

This notice takes effect from the 22nd of August 2017.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of August 2017.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Regulation and Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Hong Kong requirements

Horses for temporary export from New Zealand to Hong Kong must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note:

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the horses for temporary export to Hong Kong do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the horses for temporary export to Hong Kong do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: HORSES FOR TEMPORARY EXPORT
To: HONG KONG
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
Special Permit Number:

SECTION I IDENTIFICATION

This information can be contained in a separate schedule or further rows can be added as required. If the horses have been resident in different countries in the past 60 days for varying periods then only one horse per certificate is allowed. The horses must be on the same flight.

Name	Colour	Sex	Age	Breed	Microchip number and/or tattoo*	Passport Number*	Issuing/Validating Authority*

Either an identification silhouette or a valid identification document accompanies this horse.

SECTION II ORIGIN, TRANSPORT AND DESTINATION

- (a) Name and address of exporter: _____
- (b) Name and address of consignor⁽⁴⁾: _____
- (c) Address of premises where the horse was examined: _____
- (d) By AIR/RAIL/ROAD/SEA*: _____
Indicate flight number, registration marks or registered name as appropriate
- (e) In-transit accommodation* (name and address of premises and period held at the premises): _____

PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FROM HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

* Delete as appropriate

(f) Name and address of consignee: _____

SECTION III MOVEMENT INFORMATION

I, _____, an Official Veterinarian authorised by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries⁽³⁾, certify, with respect to the animals identified, that:

- (a) The horses Permanent/Usual Residency⁽⁵⁾ is in the following country/Macau: _____.
- (b) This horse has been temporarily imported into the country/countries/Macau as listed below for racing purposes or other purposes as approved by AFCD since leaving the country/Macau where it has Permanent/Usual Residency⁽⁵⁾ according to the following sequence*:
 - i. Country/Macau: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - ii. Country/Macau: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - iii. Country/Macau: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - iv. Country/Macau: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
 - v. Country/Macau: _____ Entry date: _____ Exit date: _____
- (c) All of the country/countries listed in SECTION III(a) & (b) are included in the list of Scheduled Countries⁽²⁾.
- (d) I have read, certified as seen all certification (original certificates or certified copies⁽⁶⁾) issued for this horse on being exported from its country of permanent/usual residency/Macau and/or from the countries/Macau listed in SECTION III(b).

* Delete as appropriate

SECTION IV ISOLATION INFORMATION IN THE COUNTRY/COUNTRIES/MACAU WHERE THE HORSE HAS TEMPORARY RESIDENCY⁽⁷⁾

- (a) Based on the certification provided, during the entire period of stay in the country/countries/Macau listed in SECTION III(b) above, the horse has been held in officially approved isolation premises other than during transport between the ports of import and export and the isolation premises, and during training and racing under official supervision.
- (b) i. Address(es) of the isolation premises in the country/countries of temporary residency/Macau (list the premises for each country in SECTION III(b) above):

If the exporting country/Macau cannot be certified as being free of equine encephalomyelitis (all types) and screw worm, whilst the horse is temporarily resident there, then the horse must be held in mosquito and fly (vector) protected stables and treated with an effective vector repellent/insecticide on each occasion that it leaves the vector protected stables.

- ii. The premises were emptied, thoroughly cleansed and disinfected prior to the entry of the horse.
- iii. The horse has only come into contact with horses of the exact same tested and certified health status. Contact with other horses is only permitted at the time of racing/competition.

SECTION V HEALTH INFORMATION

- (a) I have examined the horse identified in this certificate within 24 hours prior to export and found it to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, free from external parasites and fit to travel.
- (b) While in this country/Macau the horse has not been mated, either naturally or by artificial insemination, or been resident on horse breeding premises for the last 60 days.
- (c) The exporting country/Macau is either African Horse Sickness (AHS) free for the last two years and no vaccination against AHS has been practiced for the last 12 months, or it has an officially recognised AHS Free Zone⁽⁸⁾. AHS is a notifiable disease in the exporting country/Macau. The horse has not been on any premises where AHS has occurred in the past 60 days and the horse has not been infected with AHS in the past 60 days.
- (d) The exporting country/Macau has been free from Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis and glanders for the last two years and the horse has not been vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in the past 60 days.

(e) EITHER

***DURING THE 60 DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EXPORT FROM THE COUNTRY/MACAU WHERE THE HORSE HAS PERMANENT/USUAL RESIDENCY,**

OR

***DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD IN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY/MACAU WHERE THE HORSE HAS TEMPORARY RESIDENCY:**

the horse was continuously resident on holdings which did not have any cases of the diseases listed below and did not suffer from any of these diseases.

Anthrax**	Equine influenza	Scabies
Contagious equine metritis**	Equine piroplasmiasis	St. Louis encephalitis
Dourine**	Equine viral arteritis	Strangles (Streptococcus equi)
Eastern equine encephalomyelitis**	Glanders**	Surra
Epizootic lymphangitis	Hendra virus infection	Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis**
Equine ehrlichiosis	Horse mange	Vesicular stomatitis**
Equine encephalosis	Horse pox	Western equine encephalomyelitis**
Equine herpes virus (abortigenic and neurotropic) infection	Japanese encephalitis	
Equine infectious anaemia**	Nipah virus infection	

The diseases with a double asterisk (**) listed above are compulsorily notifiable in the exporting country/Macau.

* Delete as appropriate

SECTION VI TESTING AND VACCINATION INFORMATION^(9&10)

- (a) Based on the certification and laboratory results provided:
- i. Blood samples have been taken from the horse within 14 days of export.
 - ii. The following tests were performed with negative results (unless otherwise stated) in each case⁽¹⁰⁾.
- (b) No vaccines have been administered to the horse within 14 days of export to Hong Kong.
- (c) The original or certified copies of all health certificates, laboratory tests and vaccination certificates (if vaccinations are recorded in the horse's passport a certified copy of the relevant pages of the passport is **still required**) from all countries/Macau listed in SECTION III(a) & SECTION III(b) have been endorsed and **must be attached** to this

certificate⁽⁶⁾.

(d) All sections must be completed by inserting a tick ✓ in the appropriate box.

i.	African horse sickness	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not during the last 60 days been in any country in which African horse sickness (AHS) has been reported in the last 2 years and in which vaccination against AHS has been practiced in the last 12 months. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse originates from an official AHS free zone ⁽⁸⁾ of a country, and an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) test has been carried out on two samples of blood taken with an interval of between 21 and 30 days on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ and _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ , the second of which must be taken within 14 days of export either with negative result if it has not been vaccinated or with no increase in antibody titre if it has been vaccinated.
ii.	Dourine	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/Macau where dourine has been reported the last 12 months. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The complement fixation test (CFT) on _____ ⁽⁹⁾ .
iii.	Equine influenza vaccination	<p>During the 90 days immediately prior to export from the country/Macau where the horse has permanent or usual residency it was administered:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority. OR <input type="checkbox"/> A booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a primary course, or within 12 months of a booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course (which consisted of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority).
iv.	Equine influenza testing	<p>A nasopharyngeal swab was collected from the horse within 48 hours prior to departure in the exporting country/Macau and was subjected to one of the following tests:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A polymerase chain reaction test for influenza A on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> The Directigen Flu A or Flu A+B test kit manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company USA (BD) on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> The ESPLINE Influenza A and B-N kit manufactured by Fujirebio Inc. on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> Another test as approved by AFCD.

v.	Equine infectious anaemia	<input type="checkbox"/> The immunodiffusion (Coggins) test on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ .
vi.	Equine piroplasmiasis	<input type="checkbox"/> The indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) ⁽¹¹⁾ for <i>Theileria equi</i> and <i>Babesia caballi</i> on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ . OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse is piroplasmiasis positive to either <i>T. equi</i> and/or <i>B. caballi</i> and prior written approval for importation has been obtained from the Hong Kong Government and the approval documentation is attached.
vii.	Hendra virus	<input type="checkbox"/> No case of Hendra virus infection has been reported in the exporting country/Macau in the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> An ELISA test on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ . If the ELISA test was positive then the horse was tested for Hendra virus with the VNT on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ .
viii.	Nipah virus	<input type="checkbox"/> No case of Nipah virus infection has been reported in the exporting country/Macau in the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> An ELISA test on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ . If the ELISA test was positive then the horse was tested for Nipah virus with the VNT on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ .
ix.	Rabies	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/Macau where rabies has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> During the 60 days prior to export, the horse has not been exposed to rabies nor been on any premises infected with rabies. The horse has either not been vaccinated against rabies or was vaccinated against rabies using an approved vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export.
x.	Vesicular stomatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/Macau where vesicular stomatitis has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> During the 60 days prior to export the horse has only been present on premises further than 50 kilometres from a reported case of vesicular stomatitis in the last 12 months. The horse was tested for vesicular stomatitis with the virus neutralisation test (VNT) or an antigen ELISA on _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ .

xi.	Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/Macau where western and eastern equine encephalomyelitis has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse was vaccinated against Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccine on _____ within 6 months to 30 days prior to export. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse was kept in AFCD approved vector proof facilities for 21 days prior to export.
xii.	Surra	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not, during the last 60 days, been in any country/Macau where surra has been reported the last 2 years. OR <input type="checkbox"/> The horse has been kept in vector protected facilities for 21 days prior to export and treated with an effective vector repellent/insecticide each time it left the facilities. A blood sample has been taken 7 days after the start of isolation on the _____ and tested using an antibody-detection ELISA and microhaematocrit centrifugation technique for surra.
xiii.	Japanese encephalitis	As Japanese encephalitis is endemic in Hong Kong, importers are advised to vaccinate their horses prior to import.

(e) **Pregnancy:** The horse is not pregnant.

(f) **External parasite examination and treatment:**

i. The horse was thoroughly examined for external parasites by either an Official Veterinary Officer or a designated veterinarian within 24 hours prior to export. A systematic approach was undertaken with close examination of ears, false nostrils, under body areas (axilla, inguinal, under mandible), perineum, mane and tail.

No ticks were found.

OR

Ticks were found and all horses in the premises were immediately treated with a parasiticide effective against ticks. Subsequent re-inspection established that ticks were no longer present. The Hong Kong Government has been advised and has accepted the horse for temporary importation and the approval documentation is attached.

ii. The horse was treated with a broad spectrum parasiticide, licensed/registered for use on horses, capable of killing ticks and used according to the manufacturer's recommendations within 48 hours prior to export.

SECTION VII TRANSIT VIA AUSTRALIA

(a) [**Transit:** After due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge:

(i) the horses for export will transit through the following country en route to Hong Kong

Country	Scheduled entry date	Scheduled exit date
Australia		

(ii) during the transit via Australia, the horses will have no contact with animals not of the same certified health status.]*

*Delete VII (a) if not applicable

SECTION VIII CERTIFICATION VALIDITY

This certification is valid for 72 hours prior to the scheduled export and until importation into Hong Kong. If a flight is delayed longer than 72 hours then re-certification is required.

Signature: _____ Official _____
 Date: _____ Stamp: _____
 Name of Official Veterinarian: _____
 Position: _____ Qualifications: _____
 Address: _____

 Tel. No.: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours:

NB: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

SECTION IX TRANSPORT INFORMATION

[This section is to be certified either by the same Official Veterinarian who has certified the foregoing section or by an authorised transportation agent]

- (a) The vehicle for the transport of the horse to the port of exit was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with an officially approved disinfectant and was treated with an officially approved insecticide to my satisfaction immediately prior to the loading of the animal.
- (b) During the transportation, after due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge the horse will have no contact with animals not of the same certified health status.
- (c) Procedures are in place to ensure that the containers that the horses will be transported in and loading facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to use.
- (d) The containers meet the design and species requirements recommendations of the International Air Transport Association.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Capacity _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

SECTION X ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CONSIGNOR OR HIS AUTHORISED AGENT

I _____ (name) hereby acknowledge the following:

- (a) In the event of the horse identified in SECTION I of this certificate, arriving in Hong Kong without the correct certification or in any other way not having met these requirements, the horse and any in-contact horse or equipment may be exported at the importer’s expense or destroyed and disposed of at the importer’s expense.
- (b) The horse must remain in a Government approved isolation premises, except during approved transport, training and competition until re-export.
- (c) The duration of stay in Hong Kong shall not exceed 30 days unless approved by the Hong Kong Government.
- (d) During isolation in Hong Kong the horse may be subjected to any testing or any treatment prescribed by the Hong Kong Government at the consignor’s expense.
- (e) If the horse fails a test or shows signs of disease that horse and any in-contact horses may be, at the consignor’s expense, detained in isolation for further testing and/or observation or exported or destroyed and disposed of without recompense.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Capacity _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours:

FOOTNOTES:

1. The language of the exporting/importing country(ies)/Macau may also be used providing that it appears below the English version on the same certification. In the event of any differences, the English version will prevail.
2. Scheduled countries for temporary import into Hong Kong: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Peninsular Malaysia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the Republic of Ireland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom (Great Britain & Northern Ireland) and the United States of America. The Special Administrative Region of Macau is also classified as scheduled country in the context of this document.
3. Competent Authority: The government authority of the exporting country/Macau which is responsible to issue official certification for the export of horses.
4. The consignor or his authorised agent must complete the acknowledgement (SECTION X) attached to this certificate.
5. Permanent/Usual Residency: The horse has been continuously resident in the exporting country/Macau for at least 60 days (or since birth if the horse is less than 3 months old) prior to the date of export.
6. Certified copies may be photocopies of the original importation certification bearing the name, title, signature, date and official stamp of the official veterinarian issuing the onward certification. If copies of health certificates and/or laboratory reports are not available to the exporting country/Macau then the tests will be deemed to have not taken place and must be performed in the exporting country/Macau.
7. Clause not applicable to initial certification issued in country of permanent/usual residency or if the horse is permanent/usually resident in Macau.
8. An official African horse sickness free zone of a country, territory or part of a territory as designated by AFCD.
9. All serological tests and vaccinations must be carried out in accordance with the latest version of the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines if OIE standards exist. The laboratory reports (or certified copies) for tests carried out must be attached to this certificate and officially endorsed by the certifying veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must also be attached.
10. Blood samples must be sent to a laboratory approved by the veterinary authority of that country/Macau.
11. Enter date the blood sample was collected.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: HORSES

COUNTRY: TEMPORARY EXPORT TO HONG KONG, INCLUDING POSSIBLE TRANSIT VIA AUSTRALIA

NOTES: This export certificate is a replacement certificate for the previous certificates dated 25 May 2017. This certificate is based on the model *Export Certificate for Horses Temporarily Imported into Hong Kong* dated February 2016 and was updated to include the equine influenza vaccination clarification.

1. This certificate is to be used for horses being temporarily exported to Hong Kong for racing or competition. This export certificate allows horses to travel direct to Hong Kong, or transit via Australia en route to Hong Kong. In the case of the consignment transiting via Australia, a separate transit certificate must also be used.

Hong Kong permits horses from NZ to transit via Australia provided that, if the horses are removed from the plane, the horses will have no contact with animals not of the same certified health status. A short stay of up to 72 hours in a transitional facility is allowed.

2. An import (special) permit is required from the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.
3. Where the horses transit via Australia, a transit permit is also required from AQIS.
4. Where an identification silhouette is provided rather than a passport, enter 'N/A' or 'not applicable' in the relevant columns for Passport Number and Issuing/Validating Authority.
5. **Section VI TESTING AND VACCINATION INFORMATION, iii equine influenza vaccination**, the AFCD have clarified that as long as the final dose of the primary course is given within the 14-90 day period immediately prior to export the requirement has been met.

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market.'