

EXPORT OF HORSES TO ALGERIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Under the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act 2024, it is an offence to export horses and other equines for slaughter, beginning in or transiting through Great Britain to a third country.

If the OV has suspicions that the consignment is being exported for slaughter in contravention of section 1 of the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act 2024, this should be reported as soon as possible to APHA by calling 03000 200 301. In your report, please detail the following:

- EHC and journey log reference number
- Location and address of inspection, including CPH number
- Name and address of transporter and journey organiser
- Transporter authorisation number
- Details of the animals in the consignment (number, species, age)
- The reason for your concern
- Any relevant additional information

Paragraph

- IV(a) The examination must be carried out within 48 hours of export.
- IV(c) The Coggins test must be carried out within 30 days of export. 5ml of whole unadulterated blood is required. Samples should be sent to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Weybridge not less than 9 days before the proposed export.
- IV(d) The vaccination should be carried out in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's instructions.
- IV(f) (g) You should not sign the certificate unless you have received written authority (form 618NDC) to certify these paragraphs on behalf of the Department; a completed form will be sent to you within 10 Days of export.

Horses and ponies exported from Great Britain need certification to satisfy British export welfare legislation IN ADDITION TO export health certificates.

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade
- Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald
House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

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