

STANDARDS FOR PRE-EXPORT QUARANTINE FACILITIES FOR THE EXPORT OF HORSES TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)**1 LOCATION**

- 1.1 For the duration of pre-export quarantine (PEQ), other equidae should not be depastured, held or exercised on the facility. However, if horses undergoing pre-export quarantine use an exercise area which is outside the approved facility, that exercise area may be used each day by non-export status horses after the quarantined horses have finished using the facilities. The quarantined horses must be cleared from the area before the non-export status horses are given access to the facilities.

2 FACILITIES

- 2.1 The facility must be surrounded by two stockproof fences at least 5 metres apart except where the wall of a building forms part of the perimeter. Exceptions to these standards may be approved by the Official Veterinarian (OV). This means that the perimeter of the facility must be either two stockproof fences which are at least 5 metres apart or the wall of one of the buildings on the premises.
- 2.2 The facility shall have a gatehouse type security at which all visitors must report for signing in, changing into or don (outer) clothing provided by the operator, cleaning/disinfecting outerwear as appropriate and signing out. The facility should also have (access to) an area for the cleaning and disinfection of vehicles well separated from stables, holding pens and the loading area, and facilities for the safe unloading and loading of horses.
- 2.3 Stables on the facility must be so constructed that they can be readily cleaned and disinfected.
- 2.4 Stables, yards, fences, and feeding and watering arrangements must be so constructed that the horses are protected from injury, and other welfare needs are met.
- 2.5 The premises shall have facilities for veterinary examination and the collection of samples, and facilities for the segregation and isolation of sick or suspect horses.

3 OPERATION

- 3.1 The premises must be approved by the OV prior to the commencement of each PEQ.
- 3.2 Stables must be cleaned and disinfected, and exercise yards, holding yards and paddocks cleaned to the satisfaction of the OV, prior to the commencement of each quarantine.
- 3.3 The PEQ must be supervised by the OV.
- 3.4 The PEQ period shall be deemed to start from the time of entry of the last horse. Horses must not leave the premises during PEQ without permission of the OV.
- 3.5 During the PEQ the facility must only be occupied by horses of the same export consignment unless otherwise agreed by the OV.
- 3.6 All equipment used in the feeding, handling and treatment of the horses in PEQ must be new or cleaned and disinfected before use and must be used only in the premises for the duration of the PEQ.
- 3.7 Personnel attending the horses must don outer clothing and footwear used exclusively in the facility during PEQ, and wash hands, before handling the animals.
- 3.8 Any health problems affecting horses or other stock on the facility during PEQ must be promptly reported to the OV.

- 3.9 A detailed health record must be kept for each horse on the premises during the PEQ period and it must be available to the supervising OV.
- 3.10 Entry to the facility should be prevented unless specifically authorised by the supervising OV. All visitor entries should be recorded.
- 3.11 Vehicles for transport of horses from the facility to the port of embarkation must be cleaned and disinfected to the satisfaction of the OV prior to loading.
- 3.12 The owner or person in charge of the facility must not be the owner or vendor of any of the horses undergoing pre-export quarantine except as specifically authorised by AQSIQ.