

No:

EXPORT OF EQUINES TO THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. Scope

Export health certificate 280EHC should be used to accompany registered horses exported from the United Kingdom to Egypt. (see paragraph 12 below for procedure concerning transit through other EU Member States and/or non-EU countries).

It is not permitted to export horses and other equines from Great Britain for slaughter. This applies to journeys from, and transit journeys through, Great Britain to destinations outside the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government (SG), Welsh Government (WG), or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue. OVs should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Identification of horses

The Official Veterinarian must ensure that during any examination or collection of samples required by this certificate, that the horse has been identified on each occasion by reference to the silhouette in its passport. If a passport is not available the Official Veterinarian should complete a silhouette at the time of the first procedure, and compare it with the horse on the subsequent procedures and examinations. The Official Veterinarian is advised to identify the horse on all laboratory submission forms by its name and passport number where available.

The silhouette on the back page of the health certificate must be fully and accurately completed or, if the Official Veterinarian is satisfied that the silhouette in the passport accurately identifies the horse, the passport number may be entered on the back page of the certificate.

N.B. Although the silhouette in the passport or health certificate is the primary means of identification, exporters should note that the Egyptian authorities require colour photographs taken from both sides and front and rear of the horse. These photographs should accompany the health certificate and be examined by the Official Veterinarian to ensure they are a true likeness of the horse. The certificate number should be written on the back of the photograph and signed and stamped using the Official Veterinarian stamp in any ink colour other than black.

4. Owners declaration

Paragraph IV (a) refers. The Official Veterinarian should obtain from the owner a written declaration stating the horse has been kept on the premises of origin during the past 3 months. The premises of origin is the premises where the horse is examined prior to export.

5. Veterinary supervision

Paragraph IV (a) refers. The Official Veterinarian should have visited the premises on sufficient occasions to have an accurate and up to date picture of the health status of the horses on the premises. For guidance Official Veterinarian's should refer to Chapter 2, paragraph 2.4 of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Guide to Professional Conduct.

6. Disease Clearance

Paragraph IV (d) refers. The certification contained in paragraph IV (d) may be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority has been received from the AHVLA/DVO-NI on form 618NDC.

7. Blood testing

Paragraph IV (e) refers. Blood samples should be submitted to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA), Weybridge. A clotted whole blood sample should be submitted for the serological tests at paragraphs IV(e)(i) and (ii). For the test at paragraph IV (e)(iii) blood sample in EDTA should be submitted to the Parasitology Department, VLA.

8. CEM testing

Paragraph IV (f) refers. All swabs for CEM testing must be submitted to:

VLA Penrith

Swabs must be set up for culture within 48 hours of sampling.

9. **Influenza vaccination**

Paragraph IV (g) refers. It is essential that all horses are fully vaccinated against equine influenza in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the most recent booster vaccination or second dose of a primary vaccination course must be carried out not less than 21 days and within 6 months of export. In the case of registered horses details of vaccination against equine influenza and any other diseases must also be entered in the passport.

10. **Equine viral rhinopneumonitis vaccination**

Paragraph IV (h) refers. This is required in the case of mares over 2 years of age.

11. **Legalisation**

The export health certificate referred to above, once completed by the Official Veterinarian, must be sent or taken to:

The Egyptian Embassy
2 Lowndes Street
Belgravia
London
SW1

where it will be registered, stamped and returned. This legalised document must accompany the animal to Egypt.

12. **Transport**

The horse must be shipped directly from the United Kingdom to Egypt unless authorisation for transit via another country has been obtained from the Egyptian veterinary authorities (See address below):

Prof Dr MS Soliman
Supervisor of General Organisation for Veterinary Services
Ministry of Agriculture
1-Nadi El Seid Street
Dokki Giza Cairo

Tel: 00 202 348 1750/ 349 4961
Fax: 00 202 3350692/ 3600037/ 3604429

13. **Post Import Isolation**

Horses entering Egypt are subject to a 21 days post import isolation.

14. **WELFARE**

Most horses and ponies exported from Great Britain need certification to satisfy British export welfare legislation IN ADDITION TO the export health certification. Information about the necessary requirements and application forms may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at the following offices:

**ENLAND, SCOTLAND
and WALES**

Specialist Service Centre, Animal Health and
Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), Hadrian
House, Wavell Drive, Rosehill, Carlisle, CA1 2TB
Tel: 01228 403600 / Fax 01228 591900 /
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN IRELAND

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Northern Ireland,
Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper
Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB.
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

15. DISCLAIMER

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country. If these do not match, the exporter should contact the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

