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**TEMPORARY EXPORT OF HORSES TO MACAU**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7300EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7300EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country’s requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

**1.** **Scope**

 Export health certificate 7300EHC may be used to accompany horses being temporarily exported to Macau. Horses being exported to Macau on a permanent basis should be accompanied by health certificate 5842EHC.

**Associated documents: 7300NFG, 618NDC and 372DMR**

**2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

**This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (Local Veterinary Inspector) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government – Rural Directorate, Welsh Government - Department for Rural Affairs, 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/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.**

**A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB – Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle) within seven days of signing.**

**The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.**

**3. Import permit**

It is necessary to obtain an import permit from the Division of Animal Control and Inspection Department of Food and Animal Inspection and Control
Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, Macau. Exporters are advised to check that the conditions of the permit are met by the export health certificate. If there are any discrepancies, exporters should contact their local AHDO (or equivalent in NI).

**4. Identification**

 Paragraph I must be fully completed. In addition either the silhouette on page 4 of the certificate must be fully completed. OVs must be satisfied that the horse is adequately identified each time that samples are taken for pre-export testing and at the time of inspection.

**5.** **Movement information** - Paragraph IV refers.

**Country of permanent/usual residency**. Any listed country where the horse is normally resident for the longest period.

**Country of temporary residency**. Any listed country where the horse has stopped-over for races or other purposes since it left the country of permanent residency until arrival in Macau.

**Listed countries**: Countries other than the United Kingdom are the European Union Member States, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia (Continent), Argentina, the United Arab Emirates, or South Africa (African horse sickness free zone);

 Paragraphs IV(b) and (d) refer. These paragraphs only apply to horses that are exported from a ‘country of temporary residency’. These paragraphs should be crossed out when the horse is exported directly from the ‘country of permanent residency’.

 **NOTE**: When the ‘country of permanent residency’ is not the UK, exporters are strongly advised to make provisions so correct certification is obtained in the countries of ‘permanent’ and ‘temporary residency’ before arrival into the UK. Copies or certified copies of such documents must be endorsed and attached to the certificate for exports to Macau. Please be aware that supplementary health certification should be obtained for horses moving between France, Ireland and the UK, under the terms of the Tripartite Agreement, before being exported to Macau.

**6. Declarations**

Paragraphs V (b), (e), (k) and (l) refer. These paragraphs may be certified provided written declarations have been obtained from the owner/agent of the owner. When necessary the certifying veterinarian should obtain declarations from the veterinarians responsible for the premises where the horse has been kept during the periods specified in each paragraph.

**7.** **Disease Clearance**

 Paragraphs V(c) and (d) refer. These paragraphs may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC or equivalent in NI) which will be sent to you by the AHVLA Special Services Centre – Exports – in Carlisle 10 days before shipment.

**8.** **Laboratory Tests**

 Paragraphs V (f) and (g) refer. Blood samples must be taken within 10 days of export from the UK. If the horse was resident in another listed country during this period, samples may taken while the horse was resident in that country and sent to a laboratory officially approved by that country; the results from such a laboratory can be certified.

Samples taken while the horse is resident in the UK – including the equine Influenza PCR in paragraph V(i) – must be sent to the AHVLA laboratory in Weybridge (or AFBI in NI), **allowing sufficient time** for the receipt of results before the proposed date of export. The ELISA for equine influenza – paragraph V(i) refers – is performed by the AHT in Newmarket on behalf of the AHVLA, and in the interest of time, samples may be sent directly to AHT.

Paragraph IV (g) refers. The sample submission form for the IFAT should be clearly annotated as follows - “Export of horses to Macau, do Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test (IFAT) for equine piroplasmosis (*Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi*)”.

 **NOTE: All laboratory reports should be endorsed and attached to the certificate accompanying the horse to its final destination in Macau**

**9. Vaccination**

 Paragraph V (h) refers. OVs must verify the dates of vaccination by reference to the horse’s passport or vaccination certificate. Proof of vaccination (certified entries in the horse’s passport are sufficient) should be attached to certificate 7300EHC.

**10. External parasites**

Paragraphs V(j) refer. Treatment against ticks – there is no product at present licensed for treatment of horses against ticks in the UK. OVs may decide to use a product licensed for other use, exercising their clinical judgment on the ‘cascade principle’. OVs should demonstrate due care in administering medicinal products outwith the recommendations of the data sheet, and should seek the manufacturer’s advice as appropriate. OVs are advised to obtain the written consent of the owner/agent of the owner before administering products outwith the data sheet.

**11. Transport to the port/airport of embarkation and aircraft/vessel disinfection certificate**

Paragraphs V (k) and (l) refer. The OV should receive a written declaration from the owner or agent of the owner (e.g. shipping agent or transporter).

**12. Disclaimer**

The Defra disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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, exporters should immediately contact the Divisional Veterinary Manager at their local Animal Health Office.

**13. 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:

**ENGLAND** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

 9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR

 Tel: 0845 6038395 Fax: 01228 591900

**SCOTLAND** The Scottish Government – Rural and Environment Directorate, Spur P, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD. Tel: 0300 244 9243. Fax: 0300 244 9797.

**WALES** WelshGovernment – Department for Rural Affairs, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ

 Tel: 02920 823593 / Fax: 02920 823352

**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