

EXPORT OF HORSES TO NIGERIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 170EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 170EHC. 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 OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 170EHC may be used for the export of horses from Great Britain to Nigeria.

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, Scottish Government or Welsh Government who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any ink 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 the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre Exports within 7 days of issue. The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. **PARAGRAPH IV**

Paragraph IV refers. Diseases listed in the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code to which the species is susceptible: contagious equine metritis, durine, epizootic lymphangitis, equine infectious anaemia, Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, glanders, West Nile virus infection, equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis, horse pox, Japanese encephalitis, horse mange, surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*), Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, and vesicular stomatitis.

4. **DISCLAIMER**

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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre Exports via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/>

5. **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, SCOTLAND, 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: WIT@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

