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EXPORT OF HORSES TO VENEZUELA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

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

1. Ref paragraph IV(a): the examination should be carried out within 48 hours of export.

2. The Coggins test mentioned at paragraph IV(d) must be carried out within 30 days of export. Five ml of whole unadulterated blood is required. Samples must be sent to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Weybridge not less than 9 days before the proposed export.

3. The treatment mentioned at paragraph (e) must be carried out within 15 days of shipment and applies to both internal and external parasites.

4. The certification contained in paragraph IV(b) and (c) may be signed on the behalf of the Department by a Official Veterinarian provided written authority (Form 618 revised 01/11/1990) has been received. The completed form will be sent to the certifying Official Veterinarian by the Divisional Veterinary Manager(DVM) within 10 days of the export.

5. This certificate must be authenticated by the Venezuelan Consulate in London.

6. Exporters should be reminded that they must comply with the British Welfare Laws relating to the export of horses (including ponies). Information about the necessary requirements and application forms may be obtained either from:

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Seacole building 2 Marsham Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 4DF;

SCOTLAND The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan,

Edinburgh EH14 1TW;

WALES National Assembly for Wales,
Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ.

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2 Marsham St,
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