

**Model health certificate for imports of a consignment of domestic equidae for slaughter
from non-EU countries**

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Part I. Details of dispatched consignment EQUINES

I.1 Consignor Name: Address: Tel:		I.2 Certificate reference no.		I.3 Central competent authority			
		I.2.a Not in use		I.4 Local competent authority			
I.5 Consignee Name: Address: Tel:				I.6 Not in use			
I.7 Country of origin	ISO code	I.8 Region of origin	Code	I.9 Country of destination	ISO code	I.10 Region of destination	Code
I.11 Place of origin Name: Approval number: Address:				I.12 Place of destination Name: Address:			
I.13 Place of loading Name: Approval number: Address:				I.14 Date of departure			
I.15 Means of transport <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification: Authorised transporter approval number:				I.16 Entry BCP			
				I.17 Not in use			

I.18 Description of animals

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I.19 Commodity code (HS code) 01 01	I.21 Not in use	I.23 Seal / Container No.		
I.20 Not in use	I.22 Number of animals	I.24 Not in use		
I.25 Animal certified for: <input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter				
I.26 Not in use		I.27 <input type="checkbox"/> For import or admission into Great Britain		
I.28 Identification of the animals				
Species (Scientific name)	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex

Part II. Certification

Animal Health

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animal described in this certificate:

AH/T136A(freedom from disease) Territory requirements

- (a) The animal is dispatched from, a country or part of the territory of a country, which on the date of issuing this certificate has the **Code** and is assigned to **Sanitary Group**
- (b) In the country of dispatch the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine (*Trypanosoma equiperdum*), glanders (*Burkholderia mallei*), equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis), equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies and anthrax;
- (c) the animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country that complies with the GB requirements for the following diseases: African horse sickness, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, dourine and glanders.
- (d) In the case of Vesicular Stomatitis:
- (*) **EITHER** has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;]
- (*) **OR** has occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch, and a blood sample taken from the animal on (*insert date*), within a period of 21 days prior to the date of dispatch, was tested with negative result for antibody to the vesicular stomatitis virus
- (*) **EITHER** [in a virus neutralisation test and a serum dilution of 1 in 32;]
- (*) **OR** [in an ELISA in accordance with the relevant Chapter of Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of the WOAH;]

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AH/E018 Establishment requirements

the animal does not come from a holding, and to the best of my knowledge for the time periods referred to in **AH/E** below, was not in contact with animals from holdings, which were subject to prohibition orders for the reasons referred to in points **AH/E** and which last for:

(*)**(a)**[in the case of Equidae suspected of having contracted **dourine**:

(*)**EITHER** [6 months beginning on the date of the last actual or possible contact with an animal suspected of having contracted dourine or infected with *Trypanosoma equiperdum*];

(*)**AND/OR** [in the case of a stallion, until the animal is castrated;]

(*)**AND/OR** [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]

(*)**(b)**in the case of **glanders**:

(*)**EITHER** [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease or subjected to a positive result to a test for the detection of the causative pathogen *Burkholderia mallei* or antibodies to that pathogen, were killed and destroyed;]

(*)**AND/OR** [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been killed and destroyed;]

(c) in the case of **encephalomyelitis of any type**:

(*)**EITHER** [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease have been slaughtered;]

(*)**AND/OR** [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae infected with the virus causing West Nile Fever, Eastern equine encephalomyelitis or Western equine encephalomyelitis have died, been removed from the holding or fully recovered;]

(*)**AND/OR** [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]

(*)**AND/OR** [in which encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch];

(d) in the case of **equine infectious anaemia**, until the date on which the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals on the holding have shown a negative reaction in an ager gel immunodiffusion test (AGID or Coggins test) carried out on blood samples collected on two occasions 3 months apart;

(e) in the case of **vesicular stomatitis**:

(*)**EITHER** [6 months following the last case;]

(*)**AND/OR** [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]

(*)**AND/OR** the animal comes from a holding in which vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch];

(f) in the case of **rabies**, 30 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises;

(g) in the case of **anthrax**, 15 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises;

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AH/E022 Establishment requirements

the animals have been resident in the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch during the period of 40 days prior to the date of dispatch, or since birth if the animals are less than 40 days old, on holdings under veterinary supervision, and they are dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is:

- (*) **EITHER** [assigned to Sanitary Group A and during the period of at least 30 days prior to the date of dispatch they were kept apart from equidae not of equivalent health status;]
- (*) **OR** [assigned to Sanitary Groups B, C or D and during the period of at least 30 days prior to the date of dispatch they were kept in pre-export isolation under veterinary supervision without coming into contact with equidae not of equivalent health status;]
- (*) **OR** [assigned to Sanitary Group E and for the period of at least 40 days prior to the date of dispatch they were kept in the approved isolation centre described in Box I.11., protected from vector insects;]

AH/A116D Animal requirements (Vaccinations)

- (*) **EITHER** [the animals were not vaccinated against African horse sickness in the country of dispatch and there is no information suggesting previous vaccination;]
- (*) **OR** [the animals were vaccinated against African horse sickness, and this vaccination was carried out more than 12 months prior to dispatch;]

AH/A116E Animal requirements (Vaccinations)

(*) [the animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is assigned to Sanitary Group E, and were subjected to a serological test for African horse sickness as described in GB requirements, which was carried out by the same laboratory on the same day

- (*) **EITHER** (a) [on blood samples taken from each of the animals in the consignment on two occasions with an interval of between 21 and 30 days, on (*insert date*) and on (*insert date*), the second of which was taken within the period of 10 days prior to the date of dispatch
 - (*) **EITHER** (i) [with negative result in each case;]]
 - (*) **OR** (ii) [with positive results in the first sample, and
 - (*) **EITHER** (1) [the second samples were subsequently tested with negative result in each case in an agent identification test as described according to GB requirements]
 - (*) **OR** (2) [the two samples of each animal of the consignment were tested without more than a two-fold increase in antibody titre in a virus neutralisation test as described in point 2.4 of Chapter 2.5.1. of the WOA (formerly OIE) Terrestrial Manual for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines;]]]
- (*) **OR** (b) [with negative result in each case on a blood sample taken from each of the animals in the consignment on (*insert date*), within the period of 10 days prior to the date of dispatch, and the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch is recognised by the WOA as officially free of African horse sickness and is not adjacent to a country in which African horse sickness has occurred during the previous 2 years.]]

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AH/A118 Animal requirements (Vaccinations)

the animal was not vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis during the period of 60 days prior to the date of dispatch from either **(a)** or **(b)**;

- (*)**(a)**[a country of which all parts of the territory are free of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for a period of at least 2 years prior to the date of dispatch;]
- (*)**(b)**[a part of the territory of a country which is assigned to Sanitary Group **C** or **D**, which is free of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for a period of at least 2 years prior to the date of dispatch and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis occurs in the remaining parts of the territory of the country of dispatch, and;
 - (*)**EITHER** (i) [is vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis with a complete primary course and revaccinated according to manufacturer's recommendations not less than 60 days and no more than 12 months prior to the date of dispatch, and in compliance with the GB requirements;]
 - (*)**OR** (ii) [is not vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis and in compliance with GB requirements;]

AH/A726D Animal requirements

- (a)** is a registered horse as per GB legislation;
- (b)** was examined today in compliance with GB requirements and found free of clinical signs of diseases and of obvious signs of ectoparasite infestation;
- (c)** is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d)** meets the requirements referred below in this certificate;
- (e)** is accompanied by the written declaration, signed by the owner of the animal or the representative of the owner;

AH/A727C Animal requirements

- (*)**EITHER** the animal is dispatched from Iceland, which is certified as officially free from equine infectious anaemia, where they have been continuously resident since birth and did not come into contact with equidae which have entered Iceland from other countries;]
- (*)**OR** the animal is subjected to an agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID or Coggins test) or to an ELISA for equine infectious anaemia carried out with negative result in each case on blood samples taken on (*insert date*), this being within the period of 21 days prior to the date of dispatch;]

AH/A728D Animal requirements

- (*)**(a)**[the animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is assigned to Sanitary Group B,D or E, or from a country in which glanders was reported during a period of 3 years prior to the date of dispatch and were subjected to a complement fixation test for glanders carried out with negative result in each case at a serum dilution of 1 in 5 on a blood sample taken on (*insert date*), this being within a period of 21 days prior to the date of dispatch;]
- (*)**(b)**[the animal is an uncastrated male or a female equine animal older than 270 days dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is assigned to Sanitary Group B. D or E or from a country in which dourine was reported during a period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch, and were subjected to a complement fixation test for dourine carried out with negative result at a serum dilution of 1 in 5 on a blood sample taken on (*insert date*), this being within the period of 21 days prior to the date of dispatch;]

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- (*)**(c)**[the animal are dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country which is assigned to **Sanitary Group C or D**, and
- (*)**EITHER** (i) [Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis have not been officially reported in the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch during a period of at least 2 years prior to the date of dispatch;]
- (*)**OR** (ii) [the animal was vaccinated with a complete primary course and revaccinated according to manufacturer's instructions within the period of 6 months and at least 30 days prior to the date of dispatch with inactivated vaccine against Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis, the last vaccination was applied on (*insert date*);]
- (*)**OR** (iii) [the animals were kept for at least 21 days protected from vector insects and during this period subjected to haemagglutination inhibition tests for Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis on (*insert date*) carried out on;
- (*)**EITHER** (1) [a sample of blood taken from each of the animals in the consignment on (*insert date*), within the period of 10 days prior to the date of dispatch, with negative result in each case;]]
- (*)**OR** (2) [samples of blood taken from each of the animals in the consignment on two occasions with an interval of at least 21 days on (*insert date*) and on (*insert date*), the second of which was taken within the period of 10 days prior to the date of dispatch, without increase in antibody titre and the animals were vaccinated more than 6 months prior to dispatch;]]

AH/A731 Animal requirements (freedom from disease)

to the best of my knowledge, during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the animal has not been in contact with equidae infected or suspected of an infectious or contagious disease.

AW/005 Animal welfare

the animal described in this certificate was examined today as per GB requirements and found fit to be transported on the intended journey and arrangements have been made to protect their health and well-being effectively at all stages of the journey.

AT/005D Animal transport

- (*)**EITHER** (a) arrangements were made and verified to ensure that the animals are transported directly to a slaughterhouse on the territory of Great Britain (GB), without passing through a market, marshalling or assembly centre as per GB requirements, and without coming into contact with other equidae not authorised for the entry into GB.]
- (*)**OR** (b) arrangements were made and verified to ensure that before the animals are transported to a slaughterhouse on the territory of GB they pass only through a single approved market, marshalling or assembly centre as per GB requirements, situated in GB, from where they are transferred directly to the slaughterhouse without coming into contact with other Equidae not authorized for the entry into GB.]
- (c) arrangements were made and verified to prevent any contact with other equidae not complying with at least the same health requirements as described in this health certificate during the period from certification until dispatch to GB.
- (d) the transport vehicles or containers in which the animals are going to be loaded were cleaned and disinfected before loading with a disinfectant officially recognised in the third country of dispatch and they are so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

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Public Health

PH/RS004 Residues and substances

the animal described Box I.28 has not received any stilbene or thyrostatic substances nor any oestrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic or beta-agonist substances for purposes other than therapeutic or zootechnical treatment as defined in GB legislation;

the guarantees covering live equidae provided by the residue plan submitted and approved in accordance with GB requirements;

(*) Keep as appropriate.

Official Veterinarian

By signing this certificate, I certify that the requirements laid out above and in the accompanying notes for completion have been met.

Name (in capital letters):

Qualification and title:

Date:

Signature:

Stamp:

SA/010 Additional health requirements

Declaration by the owner or representative of the owner for entry into GB of consignments of live Equidae for slaughter

Identification of the animal:

Species (Scientific name)	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex

I, the undersigned (*)owner or (*)representative of the owner of the registered horse described above, hereby declare, that:

- (a) the animals have remained in the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch for at least 90 days prior to the date of dispatch;
- (b) during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the animals have not been in contact with animals suffering from infectious or contagious diseases transmissible to equidae;
- (c) the conditions for residence and pre-export isolation as applicable in accordance with **AH/E022** of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;
- (d) the conditions for the transport as applicable in accordance with **AT/005D**, of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;

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- (e) the transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the animal can be protected effectively at all stages of the journey;
 - (f) the animals will be sent
 - (*) **EITHER** [directly from the premises of dispatch to the slaughterhouse of destination without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status;]
 - (*) **OR** [from the premises of dispatch to the slaughterhouse of destination passing through a single approved market, marshalling or assembly centre as per GB requirements and without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status;]
- (*) Keep as appropriate.

Owner or representative of the owner	
Name (in capital letters):	Address:
Date:	Signature:

Part III. Notes for completion

These notes for completion must be read and understood by the certifying officer before signing the certificate. Notes are set out in sections that correspond to the sections in the certificate. By signing this certificate, certifiers are verifying that the consignment meets the requirements set out in the certificate and any relevant corresponding notes for completion.

These notes do not need to be printed as part of a paper certificate that accompanies the consignment or in any electronic copy of the certificate.

References to European Union legislation within this certificate are references to direct EU legislation which has been retained in Great Britain (retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) and can be viewed on the UK legislation website (legislation.gov.uk).

References to Great Britain in this certificate include Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

References to GB requirements refer to the requirement(s) of Great Britain as set out in the accompanying notes for completion.

This health certificate shall:

- (a) be drawn up in at least a language understood by the certifying officer and in English;
- (b) be made out to a single consignee;
- (c) be signed and stamped in a colour different to the colour of the printing;
- (e) consist of a single sheet of paper or all sheets of paper required are part of an integrated whole and indivisible by inserting page numbers and the total number of pages, and each page shall bear the certificate reference number at the top of the page and those pages are stapled and stamped.

Part I

- Box reference I.8: Provide the code of the country or part of the territory of the country as it appears in column 3 in a document relating to 'equidae' published on gov.uk, in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.^(†)
- Box reference I.15: Registration number (railway wagons or container and lorries), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship) and any other relevant information is to be provided. In case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the Border Inspection Post of entry into GB.
- Box reference I.23: The container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.
- Box reference I.28: *Species*: Select amongst: *Equus caballus*, *Equus asinus* or *Equus caballus x Equus asinus*.
- Identification system*: The animal must bear an individual identifier which permits linking the animal to the identification document as defined in Article 2(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, tattoo, brand, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal. The number of the accompanying passport must be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it.
- Age*: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy).
- Sex*: M = male, F = female, C = castrated.

Part II

Animal Health

AH/T136A Territory requirements

First insert the name of the country or part of the territory of a country.

Insert the **Code** of the country or part of the territory of the country and the **Sanitary Group** as appearing in columns 3 and 5, respectively, in a document relating to 'equidae' published on gov.uk, in accordance with Implementing Regulation 2018/659^(†).

GB requirements:

The country or part of the territory of a country:

which is considered free from **African horse sickness** in accordance with Directive 2009/156 and in which there has been no clinical, serological (in unvaccinated equidae) or epidemiological evidence of African horse sickness during the period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch and in which there have been no vaccinations against the disease during the period of 12 months prior to the date of dispatch;

in which **Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis** has not occurred during the period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch;

in which **dourine** has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;

in which **glanders** has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;

AH/E018 Establishment requirements

In regard to **Dourine** and **Glanders** delete statement if the attestation in point **AH/T** applies to the entire country of dispatch.

AH/E022 Establishment requirements

No further notes for completion.

AH/A116D Animal requirements (Vaccinations)

No further notes for completion.

AH/A116E Animal requirements (Vaccinations)

This whole statement can be left out if relates entirely and exclusively to a Sanitary Group different from the Sanitary Group to which the country of dispatch, or part of its territory, is assigned, provided that the numbering of the subsequent statements is maintained.

GB requirements refer to Annex IV to Directive 2009/156.

AH/A118 Animal requirements (Vaccinations)

Statements that relate entirely and exclusively to a Sanitary Group different from the Sanitary Group to which the country of dispatch, or part of its territory, is assigned, may be left out, provided that the numbering of the subsequent statements is maintained.

GB requirements:

(b)(i)Animal was kept in vector-protected quarantine for a period of at least 21 days prior to the date of dispatch, and during that period remained clinically healthy, and their body temperature, taken daily, remained within the normal physiological range, and any equine animal on the same holding which showed a rise in body temperature, taken daily, was subjected to a blood test for virus isolation for Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis with negative result;

(b)(ii)Animal was kept in vector-protected quarantine for a period of at least 21 days prior to the date of dispatch. and during that period remained clinically healthy. and their body temperature. taken daily remained within the normal physiological range, and any equine animal on the same holding which showed a rise in body temperature taken daily. was subjected to a blood test for virus isolation for Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis with negative results, and the animals to be dispatched were subjected to a diagnostic test for Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis with negative result conducted on a sample taken not less than 14 days after the date of entry into the vector-protected quarantine and remained protected from vector insects until dispatch;]]

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AH/A726D Animal requirements

GB legislation refers to Article 2(d) of Directive 2009/156.

GB requirements:

The certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the animals for dispatch to GB.

The import of these equine animals for slaughter shall not be allowed when the animals were loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for imports of live equidae for slaughter into GB from the respective country or part of the territory of a country mentioned under AH/T or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by GB against the entry of equidae from this country or this part of the territory of the country of dispatch.

AH/A727C Animal requirements

Statements that relate entirely and exclusively to a Sanitary Group different from the Sanitary Group to which the country of dispatch, or part of its territory, is assigned, may be left out, provided that the numbering of the subsequent statements is maintained.

AH/A728D Animal requirements

This whole statement can be left out if relates entirely and exclusively to a Sanitary Group different from the Sanitary Group to which the country of dispatch, or part of its territory, is assigned, provided that the numbering of the subsequent statements is maintained.

AH/A731 Animal requirements (freedom from disease)

No further notes for completion.

AW/005 Animal welfare

GB requirements: The certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the animals for dispatch to GB.

The import of these equine animals for slaughter shall not be allowed when the animals were loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for imports of live equidae for slaughter into GB from the respective country or part of the territory of a country mentioned under point II.1.1., or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by GB against the entry of equidae from this country or this part of the territory of the country of dispatch. AT/005D Animal transport

GB requirements refer to Article 7(1) of Directive 2009/156.

Public Health

PH/RS004 Residues and substances

GB legislation refers to Article 1 and(c) of Directive 96/22.

GB requirements refer to Article 29 of Directive 96/23.

SA/010 Additional health requirements

Declaration by the owner or representative of the owner for entry into GB of consignments of live Equidae for slaughter

Identification of the animal:

Species: Select amongst: "Equus caballus", "Equus asinus" or "Equus caballus x Equus asinus".

Identification system: The animal must bear an individual identifier which permits to link the animal to the identification document as defined in Article 2(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, tattoo, brand, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal.

If a passport accompanies the animal, its number should be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it.

Age: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy).

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Sex (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).

GB requirements refers to Article 7(1) of Directive 2009/156/EC ^(†) The document(s) referred to above can be found at:

[EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain](https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/4698a65d-1a3b-42d1-981e-df869e04185b/eu-and-efta-countries-approved-to-export-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain)

(Available at: <https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/4698a65d-1a3b-42d1-981e-df869e04185b/eu-and-efta-countries-approved-to-export-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain>)

[Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain](https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/b92627b0-dd7b-4e1d-ba36-e25424f55eeb/non-eu-countries-approved-to-export-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain)

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