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TEMPORARY EXPORT AND RE-ENTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RACEHORSES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO JAPAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPORTER AND OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Important

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3232EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3232EHC. 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.

Scope of the Certificate

Export health certificate 3232EHC may be used for the temporary export and re-entry of international racehorses from the United Kingdom to Japan.

1. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the department, where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

2. Identification of the Horses

The silhouette on page 4 of the certificate must be fully completed or in the case of a registered horse, the passport number inserted. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN must verify the identity of all registered horses by reference to the passport, even if the silhouette on page 4 of the certificate is also completed. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN must be satisfied that the horse is adequately identified at the time of inspection and each time that samples are taken for pre-export testing. Paragraph I must also be completed and the passport number entered if applicable.

3. Definitions

'Exported racehorse': any racehorse exported to Japan from a 'Listed country' only for the purpose of participating in international horserace, not staying in Japan more than 60 days (duration from the day of release from the post-import quarantine to the previous day of entering the pre-export quarantine) and leaving Japan immediately after racing.

'Returning racehorse': any racehorse originated in Japan which has been temporary exported to a 'Listed country' for a period no longer than 60 days and is returning back to Japan after racing.

'International racehorse': any of the above.

'Listed countries': Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

'Test Country': means the country where the test for the following diseases must be conducted:

1. **Equine piroplasmiasis**: Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.
2. **Equine infectious anaemia**: Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.
3. **Equine trypanosomiasis**: Italy and the United Arab Emirates.
4. **Equine viral arteritis**: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.
5. **Nipah virus infection**: Singapore

4. Residency

Paragraph IV refers. A written declaration, in accordance with Appendix 1, must be received from the owner*/agent of the owner* listing all the countries where the horse has been during the 60 days prior to export. OV's should retain copies of these declarations for record purposes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When a racehorse has not been continuously resident in the United Kingdom during the 60 days immediately prior to shipment to Japan, it must be accompanied by all health certificates or certified copies issued by the government of each 'Listed country' where the horse has been during the 60 days prior to shipment to Japan. The certificates should certify, for the

periods of time the racehorse for export resided in that country during the 60 days immediately prior to shipment to Japan. Please be aware that horses under the tripartite agreement destined to Japan from France or Ireland do so without an export certificate. In these cases, exporters should obtain certificates from France or Ireland prior to entry into the UK.

5. **Written Declarations**

Paragraphs V 1.(a), (c), (d), 2.(c), and 6. refer. These paragraphs may be certified provided written declarations in accordance with Appendix 1 have been obtained from the owner/agent of the owner. OV's should retain copies of these declarations for record purposes.

6. **Laboratory Tests**

Paragraphs V. 2(a), 2(b) and 3 refer. The laboratory tests must be carried out at government approved laboratories in one of the Test Countries. The tests performed in the UK should be carried out at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency laboratory at Weybridge.

The tests described at paragraph V.3. should have been performed in the 'Test country' prior to import into the UK for further shipment to Japan.

Please note: In the case of the IFAT or cELISA for equine piroplasmiasis, Defra recognises any laboratory in any other country that the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries also accepts results from e.g. Bose in Germany <http://www.labor-boese.de/index/getlang/en>

7. **Vaccination**

Equine influenza: Paragraph V.4. refers. Only licensed products may be used

West Nile fever: Paragraph V.5.(b) refers. This vaccine is not available in the UK.

If the horse has been vaccinated abroad, OV's can certify this paragraph on the basis of support documentation from the veterinarian who carried out the vaccination.

8. **Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs V.1.(b) and 5.(a) refer. The certification regarding the United Kingdom's clearance for the notifiable diseases mentioned in these paragraphs may be signed on behalf of the Department by an OV provided written authority has been received on form 618NDC or the equivalent written authority in Northern Ireland.

When the horse has visited another 'Listed country' during the 60 days prior to shipment to Japan, OV's may be able to certify paragraphs V.1.(b), (c) and 6.(a) on the basis of presentation of a health certificate in accordance with Appendix 2 signed by an Official Veterinarian in the 'Listed Country'.

9. **Post Import Quarantine**

Exporters should be aware that horses are subject to post import quarantine on arrival in Japan. Should an infectious disease be detected in a horse during quarantine the said horse may be re-exported or humanely destroyed.

10. **Welfare**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), 3232NFG (Agreed 18/01/2007) (Revised 05/01/2024)

implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.
If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

11. 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 APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk

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APPENDIX 1

DECLARATION OF THE OWNER*/AGENT OF THE OWNER* IN RELATION TO THE TEMPORARY EXPORT AND RE-ENTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RACEHORSES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO JAPAN

NAME OF HORSE:

PASSPORT NUMBER:

I (name in block letters)
am the owner*/agent of the owner* of the above horse.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the horse:-

- (a) during the past 60 days has been in the following Listed Countries⁽¹⁾ during the following dates:

Listed Country	Date of entry	Date of exit

- (b) during the past 60 days, the horse has been resident in the United Kingdom and one of the following **Listed countries**⁽¹⁾: Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom;

- (c) during the past 60 days, the horse has been stabled at premises under veterinary supervision in which no cases of the following diseases have occurred, nor has the horse for export shown clinical signs of these diseases: anthrax, epizootic lymphangitis, equine infectious anaemia, equine influenza, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, and Japanese encephalomyelitis), equine morbillivirus pneumonia (Hendra virus infection), equine paratyphoid (Salmonella abortus equi), equine piroplasmosis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, glanders, horse pox, Nipah virus infection, rabies, vesicular stomatitis and equine trypanosomiasis;

- (d) the horse has not been resident in a horse breeding premises, and has not been used for natural breeding or artificial insemination;

- (e) * **ONLY IN THE CASE OF A RETURNING RACEHORSE STAYING IN ANY OF THE LISTED COUNTRIES⁽¹⁾ FOR 14 DAYS OR LESS*.**

the horse has not come into contact with other horses except those of the same health status other than at the time of training and racing under official supervision, has been stabled in approved insect vector protected facilities, has been treated with an insect repellent on each occasion prior to leaving the facilities, and has shown no signs of the following listed diseases mentioned at paragraph (c) above having undergone regular clinical inspections conducted by an official veterinarian;

- (f) during the 60 days prior to shipment to Japan, including transportation between any Listed countries⁽²⁾;

- (i) all equipment, containers, land vehicles and loading premises of a ship or an aircraft which have been/will be used for transportation of the international racehorse have been/will be fully cleansed and disinfected with a government approved disinfectant;
- (ii) the horse has not been/will not be loaded with any animal (equine or cloven-hoofed animals) other than racehorses participating in international horseraces.
- (iii) no additional feed and/or litter has been/will be provided at any port of call during the transportation of the horse.

Signed

Name in block
Letters:.....

Date:.....

Telephone number:

Status: Owner*/Agent of the owner*

*** Delete as applicable**

(1) 'Listed countries': Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

APPENDIX 2

TEMPORARY EXPORT AND RE-ENTRY OF INTERNATIONAL RACEHORSES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO JAPAN

ADDITIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE TO BE COMPLETED WHEN THE HORSE HAS RESIDED IN⁽¹⁾ DURING THE 60 DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT TO JAPAN

I. Identification of the animal

Name	Breed	Age	Colour	Sex

A full description using the sketch on page 4 MUST be completed. Whorls on head and neck should be described in the narrative and indicated by a small cross (x).

II. Origin of the animal

- a) Name and address of exporter:
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- b) Name and address of premises of permanent residence of the horse:
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c) Name and address of owner:

d) * ONLY IN THE CASE OF A RETURNING RACEHORSE*

The horse was exported from Japan on: (date)

III. Destination of the animal

a) Country of destination:.....

b) Name and address of consignee:

c) Means of transportation:

IV. Health Information

I, the undersigned, being an Official Veterinarian..... (1) hereby certify in respect of the racehorse described above that:

(a) the horse has been resident in(1) from(date) to (date)

(b)(1) has been free from African Horse Sickness and Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis for the past 2 years;

(c) during the period of time mentioned at paragraph IV (a) above, the horse has been stabled at premises under veterinary supervision in which no cases of the following diseases have occurred, nor has the horse for export shown clinical signs of these diseases: anthrax, epizootic lymphangitis, equine infectious anaemia, equine influenza, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis), equine morbillivirus pneumonia (Hendra virus infection), equine paratyphoid, equine piroplasmosis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, glanders, horse pox, Nipah virus infection, rabies, vesicular stomatitis and equine trypanosomiasis;

(d) (i) EITHER* the horse has not been vaccinated against West Nile Virus (WNV); and, it has been resident in premises located in the centre of a 50 kilometre area during the 14 days immediately prior to shipment to Japan in which no cases of WNV were confirmed during the 60 days immediately prior to shipment to Japan;

(ii) OR* it was vaccinated against WNV using an approved vaccine twice at an interval of 3 to 6 weeks or once in the case of a booster during the 12 months prior to shipment to Japan*

Dates of vaccination: 1:.....(date); 2:.....(date)

Name of vaccine:..... Batch number:.....

V. This certificate is valid for 14 days.

Stamp Signed

Name in block

letters:

Official Veterinarian

Date

Address

.....

* Delete as applicable

⁽¹⁾ Name of 'Listed Country': Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.