

EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF TEMPORARILY IMPORTED US HORSES

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. SCOPE

This certificate may be issued for horses which have been continually resident in Great Britain following direct importation from the United States of America during the previous 60 days.

2. IDENTIFICATION

It is a USDA requirement that the silhouette contained in health certificate 1175EHC must be fully completed in all cases, regardless of whether the horse has an identification document (passport). In the case of a registered horse, the identification document must also be checked against the silhouette in the passport when samples are collected for pre-export tests and when the horse is examined. Any discrepancies with the identification of the horse should be discussed with the Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) or equivalent, at Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle.

3. EXAMINATION

The clinical examination mentioned at paragraph IV (a) should be carried out within 48 hours of export.

Important: in instances where logistically the clinical examination is unable to be performed within 48 hours from the port of embarkation, APHIS is willing to accept that the examination performed be within 48 hours of departure from the United Kingdom. On the health certificate, the words "...from port of embarkation" may be struck out, and instead "from the United Kingdom" written in and endorsed upon. The OV can make the change, but there must be some indication that it was an official / authorized change. This could be OV initials and stamp in the margin. APHA countersignature on the certificate would then be sufficient for endorsement.

On these instances, in addition to the issued DEFRA health certificate, horses will be required to be accompanied by a health document issued by the respective competent authority of any foreign transit country that they reside in for 36 or more hours while in route to the United States.

4. DISEASE CLEARANCE

(a) Paragraph IV (e) refers. If the **Official Veterinarian** has no direct knowledge of the any premises where the horse has been kept since importation from the USA, a written support declaration should be obtained from the veterinary surgeon responsible for the premises.

(b) Paragraphs IV (f) and (g) refer. OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify these paragraphs on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

5. OWNER/AGENT OF OWNER'S DECLARATION

Paragraph IV (j) refers. This paragraph must be signed on receipt of a written declaration from the owner or agent of the owner (e.g. shipping agent or transporter). OVs must keep a copy of this declaration for record purposes.

6. COMPLETION AND COUNTERSIGNATURE OF THE CERTIFICATE

The certificate should be completed and then stamped and signed with the Official Veterinarian's stamp in ink of any colour other than black. Note that the declaration below the silhouette on page 4 must be signed in addition to the signature on page 3. After the certificate has been fully completed and signed by the **Official Veterinarian**.

This certificate must be countersigned by an APHA Veterinarian.

All requests for countersignature must be submitted to the Centre for International Trade - Carlisle (CITC) at least two working days in advance of the requested date/time of countersignature using Request for APHA Veterinarian Countersignature of an Export Health Certificate (ET145) application.

The ET145 application can be submitted to CITC:

- as an attachment, at the same time you complete an online application for certification, on the Export Health Certificates (EHC) Online service, or
- by email to processingteam@apha.gov.uk

Upon receipt of your ET145 application CITC will liaise with an APHA Veterinarian at your preferred countersigning office/area to make arrangements for countersignature to take place and notify you of the arrangements made.

7. COPY USDA CERTIFICATE

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) advise that a copy of the USDA health certificate which accompanied the horse on importation into Great Britain should accompany the horse on its return to the USA, in addition to 1175EHC.

8. 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 and 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:
CentralOps.carlisle@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

9. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/about-us/contact-us/>