

TEMPORARY EXPORT OF HORSES PARTICIPATING IN THE MOROCCO LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8862EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8862EHC. 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

Export health certificate 8862EHC should be used to accompany horses the temporary export of horses from the United Kingdom to Morocco participating in the Morocco Longines Global Champions Tour 2025.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an OV on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK - each page should also be signed, dated and stamped, together with all associated documentation (e.g. laboratory reports, if applicable).

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to APHA Customer Service Centre, within seven days of issue.

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

2. Identification

Details of the horse's identification should be entered at paragraph I. The silhouette on page 2 of the continuation certificate must also be fully completed or in the case of a registered horse accompanied by its passport, the passport number inserted on page 2 of the continuation certificate. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN must verify the identity of all registered horses by reference to the passport, even if the silhouette on page 2 of the continuation 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.

3. Notifiable disease clearance

Paragraph VII (1) refers.

These paragraphs may be signed on behalf of the Department by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN provided written authority (Form EC 618) has been received.

4. Health examination

Paragraph VII (2) refers. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN must examine the animal 24 hours prior to export

5. **Owners Declarations**

Paragraphs VII (2)b. (2) h. and (3) refer. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN should obtain a written declaration from the owner or agent of the owner, concerning the length of residence in the United Kingdom being more than 6 months. There should also be a written declaration from the exporter concerning the transport vehicle and means of cleansing and disinfection. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN should also discuss with the owner/exporter the transport arrangements and in particular the arrangements for resting, watering and feeding during the journey.

The written declarations must be retained by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN for record purposes. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN should make due enquiry as to the validity of the declarations and if there is any doubt, contact the Animal & Plant Health Agency local office.

6. **Premises freedom**

Paragraph V (e) refers.

If the horse has not been resident on the premises of export for 15 days, supporting certification from veterinarians responsible for the other holdings of residence is required.

7. **Vaccination**

Paragraphs VII 2) (f) & (g) refer.

Vaccination certificates or certified copies of the relevant page/s from the passport should be attached to the certificate.

Vaccines for equine rhinopneumonia (caused by equine herpes virus) might not be fully effective, but they are available. For further information, contact the Animal Health Trust

http://www.aht.org.uk/cms-display/science_herp.html or consult NOAH

<http://www.noahcompendium.co.uk/?id=-457310> .

8. **Laboratory testing**

Paragraphs VII 2) i. refers. Samples for the tests mentioned at paragraph VII (2) i. must be taken from horses for export within the time scales specified prior to export.

Samples must be sent to the Animal & Plant Health Agency laboratory, Weybridge allowing sufficient time for receipt of the test and possible re-test results before the proposed date of export. The APHA laboratory carried out tests in accordance with the WOAHA manual. It should be noted, however, that the WOAHA cut-off for dourine and glanders is 1:5, but the Moroccan authorities currently accept a cut off of 1:10.

N.B. Laboratory test reports or certified copies thereof should be attached to the certificate. The certified copy should be stamped with the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN stamp in ink other than black.

9. **Transit countries**

The Moroccan Authorities stipulate that the horse must originate from a country free of African horse sickness and must not transit through countries which are not free of African horse sickness and vascular stomatitis. In case of doubt, exporters are advised to contact the Moroccan authorities and seek their agreement to the proposed transport route.

10. **Welfare**

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 may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at the following offices:

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES: Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA),
Customer Service Centre (CSC), Carlisle
Eden Bridge House Lowther Street Carlisle
CA3 8DX
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN IRELAND Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast BT4 3SB. Tel: 028 9052 4580

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, in Carlisle, via the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>