

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES (1/3)

I COUNTRY/REGION OF EXPORT

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland), United States of America and Uruguay.

II PURPOSE

Racing, polo or equestrian

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each consignment of horses shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS).

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each horse shall be accompanied by an equine passport, or equivalent thereof which is approved by the NParks/AVS, and a veterinary health certificate dated not more than 7 days prior to export and signed or endorsed by the competent Veterinary Authority of the country/region of export describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification, and the name and address of the premises of origin of each horse, and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) the country has been free from **African horse sickness** for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against this disease,
- (ii) the country has been free from **Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis** for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against this disease **OR** no case of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred in the country for the last 2 years prior to the date of export,
- (iii) the country has been free from **Eastern** and **Western equine encephalomyelitis** for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against these diseases **OR** the horse has been vaccinated within 12 months but not within 30 days of export against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccines approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country/region of export,
- (iv) **Glanders** is a notifiable disease in the country/region of export and no case has been reported during the past 3 years
OR **Glanders** is a notifiable disease in the country/region of export and no case has been reported for a period of at least 6 months and a surveillance programme is in place demonstrating the absence of the disease in accordance with WOAH recommendations
OR the horse was tested for **glanders** by the complement fixation test with negative result(s) within 30 days of export,
- (v) the country has been free from **trypanosomes** for the last 12 months prior to date of export **OR** no case of Surra and Dourine has occurred in horses in the country for the last 12 months prior to the date of export **OR** the horse was tested for **Trypanosoma evansi** by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or card agglutination test (CATT) with negative results within 30 days of export **AND** the horse was tested for **Trypanosoma equiperdum** by the complement fixation test with negative results within 15 days of export,
- (vi) the country has been free from **contagious equine metritis** for the last 12 months prior to the date of export **OR** the horse has never been mated or is gelded **OR** the horse was tested for contagious equine metritis by 3 samples taken at intervals not less than 7 days apart for bacterial culture with negative results within 30 days of export,
- (vii) the country has been free from **equine infectious anaemia** for the last 12 months prior to date of export **OR** the horse was tested for equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test with negative results within 30 days of export,
- (viii) the country has been free from **equine viral arteritis** for the last 12 months prior to date of export **OR** the horse was tested for equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation tests with negative results, or with stable or declining antibody titres at dilution of 1 in 4, twice 14 days apart, within 30 days of export,

- (ix) the country has been free from **equine piroplasmosis** for the past 12 months **OR** the horse was treated with an approved long-acting broad spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks immediately following the taking of the blood sample, which was subjected to a fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA) for equine piroplasmosis with negative results within 30 days of export,
- (x) (a) the country has been free from **rabies** in the past 2 years **OR**
 - (b) (1) during the 6 months prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with rabies, and
 - (2) the horse has not been vaccinated against rabies **OR** was vaccinated against rabies using an approved vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export,
- (xi) no case of **Hendra-virus infection** has been reported in horses in the countries of residence for the last 3 months prior to export
OR
 if **Hendra-virus infections** were reported in horses in the countries of residence for the last 3 months prior to export,
 - (a) In the case of an unvaccinated horse, the horse will be subjected to a pre-export quarantine for 21 days continuously prior to export, under veterinary supervision and has been tested for Hendra virus infection by ELISA test with negative results within 14 days prior to export,
 - (b) In the case of a vaccinated horse, the vaccinations are up-to-date (proof of vaccination must be submitted, which could be in the form of a vaccination certificate and registration on a vaccination database), the horse will be subjected to a pre-export quarantine for 21 days continuously prior to export, under veterinary supervision and did not show any clinical signs of Hendra Virus infection during the 21 day pre-export quarantine,
- (xii) no case of **Nipah virus infection** has been reported in horses in the country for the last 2 years prior to the date of export **OR** no case of **Nipah virus infection** has been reported in horses in the country for the past 6 months, or such other period as may be specified by NParks/AVS, prior to the date of export and the horse has undergone two 2 weeks' pre-export isolation at premises approved by NParks/AVS and tested during pre-export isolation for Nipah virus infection with negative results prior to export,
- (xiii) During the 90 days prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with **Equine Influenza (EI)**, and was vaccinated against EI according to manufacturer's recommendation with an inactivated or recombinant vaccine approved by the country/region of export, between 21 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster.
- (xiv) all tests were carried out in a laboratory approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country/region of export and NParks/AVS,
- (xv) the horses had been resident in any of the country or countries listed in this Regulation continuously for at least 3 months immediately prior to export,
- (xvi) during the 3 months prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with any condition or disease including the following: equine infectious anaemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, horse pox, scabies, anthrax, dourine, surra, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, equine piroplasmosis, equine influenza, vesicular stomatitis, Getah virus infection, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, West Nile virus infection or any other disease of horses notifiable in the country/region of export,
- (xvii) during the 6 months prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with any condition or disease including the following: glanders.
- (xviii) the horse was treated with an approved long-acting and broad spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks within 14 days of export,
- (xix) the horse had not been vaccinated with any vaccine within 30 days of export **OR** the horse had been vaccinated within 30 days with a vaccine or vaccines approved by NParks/AVS (submit name and purpose of vaccine and date of vaccination), and
- (xx) the horse had been examined and was found clinically healthy and free from external parasites and any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease at time of export.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Each consignment of horses shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the master/captain of the ship/aircraft in which the horses were carried stating that:

- (i) the horses had been embarked or emplaned in the country/region of export (which country is to be named in the declaration) and had not been landed at any intermediate port (unless it is an approved stopover ports at Part XII) during the voyage or flight to Singapore;
- (ii) no horse from another country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which such declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft (unless prior approval obtained from NParks/AVS),
- (iii) no fodder from another country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which such declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft (unless prior approval obtained from NParks/AVS),
- (iv) in a case where the country/region of export or any other approved intermediate port at which the aircraft carrying the horses had made a stopover cannot be certified as being free from Venezuelan, Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis, trypanosomiasis, equine infectious anemia or piroplasmosis, the interior of the aircraft carrying the horses had been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to its departure from the country/region of export and any such approved intermediate port, and on landing in Singapore.
- (v) in a case where the aircraft has stopped at an intermediate port not approved by NParks/AVS as a stopover port but for refuelling purpose, the cargo hold where the horses are carried in the aircraft had not been opened during the entire time of its refuelling stop and the interior of the aircraft carrying the horses had been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to its arrival at the port and also prior to departure from the port.

VI QUARANTINE

- (i) All imported horses shall be quarantined for a period of not less than 14 days and may be subjected to testing and treatment before release from quarantine.
- (ii) In addition, horses from Argentina, Canada, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Uruguay shall not be taken out of mosquito-proof stables within the first 10 days of arrival.
- (iii) The owner of the horses or his agent is responsible for ensuring that quarantine space is available.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The owner or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>) prior to the arrival of animals. The applicant must indicate the route of travel, including any stopover or refueling stops, at the time of application.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or agent must make an appointment for the inspection of the horse(s) by submitting an online booking request via <https://avs-eservices.nparks.gov.sg/eservices/>. Please ensure your NParks/AVS Import licence no. & flight details are ready and fill in the required information on your application. Inspections without any prior appointment will be charged \$133.00/hour or part thereof even if performed during office hours.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the horses and documents (namely, the Import Licence, the Veterinary Health Certificate and the Master's/Captain's Declaration) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of horses is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the horses shall be allowed entry into Singapore for quarantine at NParks/AVS-approved premises.

X PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from NParks/AVS. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country/region of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

XI FEES

(i) Import Licence) see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2
(ii) Quarantine fee)

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) Stopover of aircraft at all Australian airports, all Canadian airports, Amsterdam, Anchorage, Bahrain, Basel, Berlin, Brussels, Chicago, Copenhagen, Dubai, Dublin, Frankfurt, Hong Kong SAR, Honolulu, London, Los Angeles, Luxembourg, Manchester, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Taipei, Tokyo, Vienna and Zurich may be permitted.

- (ii) All mares destined for Singapore must not be pregnant. Any pregnant mare as well as in-contact material may be detained in quarantine or returned to the country of origin at the importer's/exporter's expense.
- (iii) It is the responsibility of the owner of the horses or his agent to ensure that quarantine space is available before importing the horses.
- (iv) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation of the horse shall be borne by the owner of the horses or his agent.
- (v) If the animal dies or is destroyed while under the custody of NParks/AVS, NParks/AVS will not be liable for any compensation.
- (vi) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence by NParks/AVS.
- (vii) Horses should be transported in accordance with the latest recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Animal Health Code and the International Air Transport Association's Live Animal Regulations.
- (viii) Application for import from any other country other than those listed in (I) should be made to NParks/AVS through the competent veterinary authority of the country/region of export at least 6 months prior to date of intended export to Singapore. The competent veterinary authority should also submit relevant details on its veterinary infrastructure, organisational structure and manpower strength, professional qualifications of its veterinary services personnel, veterinary laboratory diagnostic capabilities, national disease surveillance programmes, point of entry control capabilities, compulsorily notifiable diseases and current status of WOAH-listed diseases in the country.

Please note:

Section 72 of the Animals and Birds Act states that:

*"(1) Any action taken under the provisions of this Act or of any rule, order or direction made or given thereunder in respect of any animal, bird, carcase, article, building or conveyance shall be at the risk of the owner thereof.
(2) No liability shall attach to the Board or to any officer thereof in respect of any expense, loss, damage or delay arising in or from the lawful exercise of the powers under this Act."*

Section 78 of the Animals and Birds Act states that:

"No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Board, the Director-General or any authorised officer, police officer, officer of customs or any other person acting under the direction of the Board or Director-General for anything which is in good faith done in the execution or purported execution of this Act."

APPLICATION/ENQUIRIES:

Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS)
Raffles Building
Singapore Botanic Gardens
1 Cluny Road
Singapore 259569
<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback-and-enquiry>

08 May 2025

DECLARATION BY CAPTAIN /AUTHORISED AIRLINE STAFF OF AIRCRAFT CARRYING LIVE HORSES FOR IMPORTATION INTO SINGAPORE

For temporary importation of horses from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Macao SAR, Malaysia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America (not required when travelling by road) and Uruguay.

OR

For permanent importation of horses from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland), United States of America and Uruguay.

OR

For importation of Singapore horses returning from international races from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Macao SAR, Malaysia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America (not required if travelling by road) and Uruguay.

I, _____ (Name), Captain / Authorised Airline Staff of _____
(Flight No.), do hereby declare that:

- (i) the horses had been embarked or emplaned in the country/region of export (to state the name of the country) and had not been landed at any intermediate port (unless it is an approved stopover ports at Part XII) during the voyage or flight to Singapore;
Name of country/region of export: _____
- *Name of intermediate port (if any): _____
- (*please delete accordingly)
- (ii) no horse from another country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which such declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft (unless prior approval obtained from NParks/AVS),
- (iv) no fodder from another country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which such declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft (unless prior approval obtained from NParks/AVS). The use of hay or straw bedding during transport is prohibited; treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft boards may be used,
- (v) the interior of the aircraft carrying the horses had been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to its departure from the country/region of export, the approved intermediate port(s), and on landing in Singapore (only applicable for exporting countries and stopover(s) at approved intermediate port(s) in countries which cannot certify country freedom against Venezuelan, Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis, trypanosomiasis, equine infectious anemia or piroplasmosis),
- (vi) in a case where the aircraft has stopped at an intermediate port not approved by NParks/AVS as a stopover port but for refuelling purpose, the cargo hold where the horses are carried in the aircraft had not been opened during the entire time of its refuelling stop and the interior of the aircraft carrying the horses had been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to its arrival at the port and also prior to departure from the port.

Name of Declarant:	Insert Official Stamp here:
Signature:	
Rank:	
Date & Time:	

(10 June 2019)

DATE:

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE
FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES**

For the importation of horses from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay

Exporting country : _____

Ministry : _____

Department : _____

Province or District : _____

SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE HORSE

Name	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour	Breed/ Description/ Passport number

SECTION 2 ORIGIN OF THE HORSE

Name and address of exporter/owner*:

**Please delete accordingly*

Name and address of premise of origin of horse:

SECTION 3 DESTINATION OF THE HORSE

Country of destination:

Name and address of consignee:

NParks/AVS Import Permit Number:

Nature and identification:
of Means of Transport

SECTION 4 CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the following (please tick, write Not Applicable (NA) or indicate the date of testing/vaccination in the column on the right where appropriate):

I	The country has been free from African horse sickness for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against this disease.	
II	The country has been free from Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against this disease OR	
	no case of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred in the country for the last 2 years prior to the date of export.	
III	The country has been free from Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against these diseases OR	
	the horse has been vaccinated within 12 months but not within 30 days of export against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccines approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country/region of export.	Date of vaccination:
IV	Glanders is a notifiable disease in the country/region of export and no case has been reported during the past 3 years	
	OR Glanders is a notifiable disease in the country/region of export and no case has been reported for a period of at least 6 months and a surveillance programme is in place demonstrating the absence of the disease in accordance with WOAH recommendations	
	OR the horse was tested for glanders by the complement fixation test with negative result(s) within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
V	The country has been free from trypanosomes for the last 12 months prior to date of export OR	
	no case of Surra and Dourine has occurred in horses in the country for the last 12 months prior to the date of export OR	
	the horse was tested for Trypanosoma evansi by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or card agglutination test (CATT) with negative results within 30 days of export AND the horse was tested for Trypanosoma equiperdum by the complement fixation test with negative results within 15 days of export.	Date of test:
VI	The country has been free from contagious equine metritis for the last 12 months prior to the date of export OR	
	the horse has never been mated or is gelded OR	
	the horse was tested for contagious equine metritis by 3 samples taken at intervals not less than 7 days apart for bacterial culture with negative results within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
VII	The country has been free from equine infectious anaemia for the last 12 months prior to date of export OR	
	the horse was tested for equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test with negative results within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
VIII	The country has been free from equine viral arteritis for the last 12 months prior to date of export OR	

	the horse was tested for equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation tests with negative results, or with stable or declining antibody titres at dilution of 1 in 4, twice 14 days apart, within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
IX	<p>The country has been free from equine piroplasmosis for the past 12 months OR</p> <p>the horse was treated with an approved long-acting broad spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks immediately following the taking of the blood sample, which was subjected to a fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA) for equine piroplasmosis with negative results within 30 days of export.</p>	
X	<p>The country has been free from rabies in the past 2 years OR</p> <p>during the 6 months prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with rabies, and</p> <p>a) the horse has not been vaccinated against rabies*</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b) was vaccinated against rabies using an approved vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export*.</p> <p><i>*Please delete accordingly</i></p>	Date of vaccination (if applicable):
XI	<p>no case of Hendra-virus infection has been reported in horses in the countries of residence for the last 3 months prior to export</p> <p>OR</p> <p>if Hendra-virus infections were reported in horses in the countries of residence for the last 3 months prior to export,</p> <p>a) In the case of an unvaccinated horse, the horse will be subjected to a pre-export quarantine for <u>21 days</u> continuously prior to export, under veterinary supervision and has been tested for Hendra virus infection by ELISA test with negative results within <u>14 days</u> prior to export,</p> <p>b) In the case of a vaccinated horse, the vaccinations are up-to-date (proof of vaccination must be submitted, which could be in the form of a vaccination certificate and registration on a vaccination database), the horse will be subjected to a pre-export quarantine for <u>21 days</u> continuously prior to export, under veterinary supervision and did not show any clinical signs of Hendra Virus infection during the 21 day pre-export quarantine.</p>	Date of test: Or Date of vaccination:
XII	<p>No case of Nipah virus infection has been reported in horses in the country for the last 2 years prior to the date of export OR</p> <p>no case of Nipah virus infection has been reported in horses in the country for the past 6 months, or such other period as may be specified by NParks/AVS, prior to the date of export and the horse has undergone two 2 weeks' pre-export isolation at premises approved by NParks/AVS and tested during pre-export isolation for Nipah virus infection with negative results prior to export.</p>	
XIII	During the 90 days prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with Equine Influenza (EI) , and was vaccinated against EI according to manufacturer's recommendation with an inactivated or recombinant vaccine approved by the country/region of export, between 21 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster.	
XIV	All tests were carried out in a laboratory approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country/region of export and NParks/AVS.	
XV	The horses had been resident in any of the country or countries listed in this Regulation continuously for at least 3 months immediately prior to export.	
XVI	During the 3 months prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with any condition or disease including the following: equine	

	infectious anaemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, horse pox, scabies, anthrax, dourine, surra, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, equine piroplasmosis, equine influenza, vesicular stomatitis, Getah virus infection, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, West Nile virus infection or any other disease of horses notifiable in the country/region of export.	
XVII	During the 6 months prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with any condition or disease including the following: glanders	
XVIII	The horse was treated with an approved long-acting and broad spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks within 14 days of export.	
XIX	<p>The horse had not been vaccinated with any vaccine within 30 days of export <u>OR</u></p> <p>the horse had been vaccinated within 30 days with a vaccine or vaccines approved by NParks/AVS (submit name and purpose of vaccine and date of vaccination).</p> <p>Name of vaccine: _____</p> <p>Purpose of vaccine: _____</p> <p>Date of vaccination: _____</p>	
XX	The horse had been examined and was found clinically healthy and free from external parasites and any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease at time of export.	

I, _____ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS),
 the undersigned veterinarian, being an Official government veterinarian of _____ (the country/region of export), certify in respect of the horse described above that I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the information given in Sections 1 to 4 and am satisfied to the best of my ability that the horse certified above meets with the requirements for importation into Singapore.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(day/month/year)

Name of official government veterinarian:

Designation:

Address, telephone, fax, email contact:

Official Stamp:

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