

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF  
HORSES – RETURN OF SINGAPORE HORSES FROM  
INTERNATIONAL RACES/COMPETITIONS (3/3)**

**I COUNTRY/REGION OF EXPORT**

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 and Uruguay.

**II PURPOSE**

Re-entry of Singapore horses following international races/competitions.

**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 consignment of horses shall be accompanied by current individual international equine passports recognized by the respective national racing associations and a veterinary health certificate dated not more than forty-eight (48) hours 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 passport number and the name and address of the premises of origin of each horse, and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) the horse has not been exported from Singapore for more than 60 days and the horse has not been outside the approved countries listed above at Part 1 during the 60 days period;
- (ii) **African horse sickness and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis** have not occurred in the last 2 years in a zone in the country where the horses have been resident and where vaccination is not permitted in the country.
- (iii) **Glanders** has not occurred in the last 3 years in a zone in the country where the horses have been resident.
- (iv) the horse has been tested using immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test for **Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)**; Serum neutralisation test (SNT) for **Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)**; and Fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA) for **Equine Piroplasmosis** with negative results within 30 days of export

**OR**

- The horse was residing in the country/region of export for a period of less than 14 days (in which case pre-export testing for **Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)**, **Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)** and **Equine Piroplasmosis** is not required).
- (v) During the 60 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,
- (vi) the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises which have been infected in the past 60 days with any condition or disease including the following: equine infectious anaemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, horse pox, scabies, glanders, dourine, surra, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, equine piroplasmosis, equine influenza, vesicular stomatitis, Getah virus infection, anthrax, rabies, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, West Nile virus infection, or any other disease of horses notifiable in the country/region of export,
- (vii) the horse has been resident on premises under official veterinary supervision and agreed by the NParks/AVS,
- (viii) the horse has no contact with other horses other than during a race/ competition;

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- (ix) the horse has been housed in vector-proofed and insecticide-treated accommodation, and a topical long-acting insecticide approved for use by the competent Veterinary Authority has been applied to the horse each time upon removal from the vector-proofed stables during the time the horse has been resident in the country;
- (x) the horse has not been mated during the time the horse has been resident in the country;
- (xi) to the best of the certifying veterinarian's knowledge, the horse has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the last 15 days prior to export or in the period of residency in the country/region of export;
- (xii) the horse had not been vaccinated with a vaccine which is not approved by the NParks/AVS;
- (xiii) the horse shows no sign of clinical disease, is free from external parasites and is fit to travel;
- (xiv) the vehicle transporting the horse has been cleaned, disinfected and sprayed with an insecticide prior to transporting the horse, and the horse has been transported directly from the resident premise to the port of exit.

### V **DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT (not required if traveling by road)**

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). The use of hay or straw bedding during transport is prohibited; treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft boards may be used.
- (iv) 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).
- (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 **ISOLATION**

- (i) Upon return of the horse to Singapore, it shall undergo a 14-day isolation period in a vector-protected stables stable away from the local population of horses.
- (ii) The horse shall have no contact with local horses and is only permitted to train during the 14-day isolation period.
- (iii) Facilities for isolation shall be approved by NParks/AVS.
- (iv) For horses that return to Singapore less than 14 days from the date of export from Singapore, the horse shall be tested at least 7 days after arrival using immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test for **Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)**; Serum neutralisation test (SNT) for **Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)**; and Fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA) for **Equine Piroplasmosis**. The horse shall remain in isolation for at least 14 days or until test results are obtained, whichever is later. Laboratory test results must be submitted to NParks/AVS for approval prior to release of horses from isolation.

### 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 (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate and 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.

**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**

Import Licence - see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2

**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) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation of the horse shall be borne by the owner or his agent.
- (iv) If the animal dies or is destroyed while under the custody of NParks/AVS, NParks/AVS will not be liable for any compensation.
- (v) Horses should be transported in accordance with latest recommendations of the WOAHA Animal Health Code and International Air Transport Association Live Animal Regulations, unless otherwise agreed by NParks/AVS.
- (vi) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence from NParks/AVS.

**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>

14 February 2024

## 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),
- (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). The use of hay or straw bedding during transport is prohibited; treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft boards may be used,
- (iv) 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),
- (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.

<p><b>Name of Declarant:</b></p> <p><b>Signature:</b></p> <p><b>Rank:</b></p> <p><b>Date &amp; Time:</b></p>	<p><b>Insert Official Stamp here:</b></p>       
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(10 June 2019)

DATE:

## VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR RETURN OF SINGAPORE HORSES FROM INTERNATIONAL RACES/COMPETITIONS

*For importation of horses 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 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 horse has not been exported from Singapore for more than 60 days and the horse has not been outside the approved countries listed in "Veterinary Conditions for Importation of Horses–Return of Singapore Horses from International Races/Competitions" during the 60 days period.	
II	<b><u>African horse sickness and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis</u></b> have not occurred in the last 2 years in a zone in the country where the horses have been resident and where vaccination is not permitted in the country.	
III	<b><u>Glanders</u></b> has not occurred in the last 3 years in a zone in the country where the horses have been resident.	
IV	<p>The horse has been tested using</p> <p>immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test for <b><u>Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)</u></b>;</p> <p>Serum neutralisation test (SNT) for <b><u>Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)</u></b>; and</p> <p>Fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA) for <b><u>Equine Piroplasmosis</u></b> with negative results within 30 days of export</p>	<p>Date of test:</p> <p>Date of test:</p> <p>Date of test:</p>
	<b><u>OR</u></b> The horse was residing in the country/region of export for a period of less than 14 days (in which case pre-export testing for <b><u>Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)</u></b> , <b><u>Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)</u></b> and <b><u>Equine Piroplasmosis</u></b> is not required).	
V	During the 60 days prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with <b><u>Equine Influenza (EI)</u></b> , 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.	
VI	The horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises which have been infected in the past 60 days with any condition or disease including the following: equine infectious anaemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, horse pox, scabies, glanders, dourine, surra, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, equine piroplasmosis, equine influenza, vesicular stomatitis, Getah virus infection, anthrax, rabies, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, West Nile virus infection, or any other disease of horses notifiable in the country/region of export.	
VII	The horse has been resident on premises under official veterinary supervision and agreed by the NParks/AVS.	
VIII	The horse has no contact with other horses other than during a race/ competition.	
IX	The horse has been housed in vector-proofed and insecticide-treated accommodation, and a topical long-acting insecticide approved for use by the competent Veterinary Authority has been applied to the horse each time upon removal from the vector-proofed stables during the time the horse has been resident in the country.	
X	The horse has not been mated during the time the horse has been resident in the country.	
XI	To the best of the certifying veterinarian's knowledge, the horse has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the last 15 days prior to export or in the period of residency in the country/region of export.	

XII	The horse had not been vaccinated with a vaccine which is not approved by the NParks/AVS.	
XIII	The horse shows no sign of clinical disease, is free from external parasites and is fit to travel.	
XIV	The vehicle transporting the horse has been cleaned, disinfected and sprayed with an insecticide prior to transporting the horse, and the horse has been transported directly from the resident premise to the port of exit.	

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:

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Designation:

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Address, telephone, fax, email contact:

Official Stamp:

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