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VETERINARY DIVISION
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Equine Import Conditions

- 1) Animals must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued by the ***Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating:
 - a) That animal(s) has/have been in country of export for at least 60 days preceding export, otherwise exact time that animal(s) has/have been in that country must be specified and copies of all relevant documents should be presented at port of entry.
 - b) That the horse/donkey/mule is healthy and showing no signs of infectious or contagious disease, and have permanent identification.
 - c) That the country of origin/export has been free from Vesicular diseases for at least 12 months immediately prior to date of exportation.
 - d) So far as it has been possible to determine no case of Dourine (Mal de Coit), Mal de Caderas, Glanders (Farcy), Epizootic Lymphangitis, Ulcerative Lymphangitis, Equine Influenza, Equine Infectious Anaemia, African Horse sickness, Equine Encephalomyelitis or Mange has occurred in the premises from which the horse(s) originated or at any place within 15 miles therefore, during 60 days prior to date of exportation that there have been no cases of Rabies on premises or any place within 15 miles therefore, during 6 months prior to the date of exportation.
 - e) That the horse/donkey/mule has been inoculated against Equine Rhinopneumonitis and Equine Influenza.
 - f) That the horse/donkey/mule has been subjected to the Mallein or Compliment Fixation test for Glanders Disease, the Coggins Test for Equine Infectious Anemia, and Dourine with Negative results within 60 days prior to export.
 - g) Animal(s) has/have swabbed on three occasions at intervals of 7 days of export for Contagious Equine Metritis with negative results on each occasion.

- h) That the horse/donkey/mule has been treated for external and internal parasites within 7 days of export.
 - i) That animal(s) was/were kept in a facility frequently visited by a veterinarian and certified to be of acceptable standards for at least six months immediately preceding importation to the territory.
- 2) Animals must be clinically healthy on arrival.
 - 3) **All required conditions must be met and all relevant documents Import permit, Veterinary Health certificate, Vaccination certificate, Lab test results, etc.) must be presented at port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance and to avoid the otherwise unpleasant, but necessary measures such as animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**
 - 4) **The Veterinary Division must be given at least 24 hrs notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This will facilitate unnecessary delays, and avoid detention of animal(s) for Veterinary clearance at port of entry.**
 - 5) There is a fee of ten (US\$10.00) dollars for each animal on the permit.
 - 6) Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted into the country. Failure to do so can cause entry of animal(s) being denied.

***An official Health certificate is a document issued and certified by a Veterinarian working full time with the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed Veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a Government Veterinarian.**