



Horses to the European Union and Norway (Guidance)

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the Horses to the European Union and Norway (OMAR). This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

2 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) In box I.25. terms are defined according to the EU Directive 2018/659 of 12 April 2018 and Council Directive 90/427/EEC of 26 June 1990:

a) EU Directive 2018/659

- *Registered horse means an animal of the species Equus caballus registered as defined in Council Directive 90/427/EEC (2), identified by means of an identification document issued by:*

- (i) the breeding authority or any other competent authority of the country where the animal originated which manages the studbook or register for that breed of animal; or*
- (ii) any international association or organisation which manages horses for competition or racing;*

b) Council Directive 90/427/EEC

- *Equidae means domestic animals of the equine or asinine species or crossbreeds thereof;*
- *Registered equidae means equidae which are entered or registered and eligible for entry in a studbook, in accordance with the rules laid down pursuant to Article 4 (2) (b) and identified by means of the identification document provided for in Article 8(1);*
- *Studbook means any book, register, file or data medium:*
 - *which is maintained either by an organization or an association officially approved or recognized by a Member State or by an official agency of the Member State concerned, and*
 - *in which equidae are entered or registered with mention of all their known ascendants.*

- (2) In box I.28 where species is requested see below for species explanation:

- a) *Equus caballus*: domestic horse
- b) *Equus asinus*: donkey or ass
- c) *Equus africanus*: African wild donkey or African wild horse
- d) *Equus hemionus*: Asiatic wild ass
- e) *Equus kiang*: Large wild ass
- f) *Equus quagga*: Plains zebra
- g) *Equus zebra*: Mountain zebra
- h) *Equus gravyi*: Imperial zebra

- (3) New Zealand is recognised as sanitary group A.
- (4) With regards to Part II.1.4.3. to II.1.4.7., these are left un-deleted to provide the ability to meet the export requirements in the case of a disease outbreak in NZ.
- (5) With regards to the Notes section Part II, all clauses with (7) have already been deleted from the certificate.
- (6) Copies of laboratory reports for required tests do not need to be attached to the final documentation.
- (7) For the UK, a microchip and/or passport and/or simple silhouette is acceptable for identification.
- (8) Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in the UK has confirmed that combined shipments of horses (i.e. those destined for Australia and those destined for the UK travelling on the same aircraft) can take place, provided that:
 - a) The animals are of a similar health status.
 - b) The animals are completely enclosed in boxes.
 - c) The animals are kept separated both prior to and during the flight. This only applies to horses travelling to and arriving in the UK (as their first point of Entry into the EU).

Confirmation from the relevant Competent Authority would be needed for horses travelling to the EU, including the UK, when clearing customs in another EU Member State.

- (9) A permit to import live horses may be required for Norway. Although not an EU Member State, Norway uses the EU importing conditions and model certificate.
- (10) See Appendix 1 for documentation to support the certificate. Part 3 of Appendix 1 is not required when transshipping through Australia, United Arab Emirates, and Singapore.
- (11) For horses returning to NZ after temporary admission, see the import health standards for horses at the following website: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/live-animals/horses/>. Email animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz for more information. We recommend this is done before export from New Zealand, as not every country can meet New Zealand's import conditions.

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Appendix 1

Declaration by the owner or representative of the owner for entry into the Union of an equine animal				
Identification of the animal ⁽¹⁾				
Species (Scientific name)	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex
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I, the undersigned owner ⁽²⁾ or representative of the owner ⁽²⁾ of the animal described above, hereby declare, that:				
- the animal				
⁽²⁾ either [has remained in the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch during the period of at least 90 days prior to the date of dispatch, or since birth if the animal is less than 90 days of age;]				
⁽²⁾ or [entered the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch during the required residence period of at least 90 days prior to the date of dispatch from a Member State of the Union;]				
- during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the animal has not been in contact with animals suffering from infectious or contagious diseases transmissible to equidae;				
- the conditions for residence and pre-export isolation as applicable in accordance with point II.2. of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;				
- the conditions for the transport as applicable in accordance with point II.4. of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;				
- the transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the animal can be protected effectively at all stages of the journey;				
Name and address of the owner ⁽²⁾ or representative ⁽²⁾ :				
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)				
⁽¹⁾ Species: Select amongst: <i>Equus caballus</i> , <i>Equus asinus</i> , <i>Equus africanus</i> , <i>Equus hemionus</i> , <i>Equus kiang</i> , <i>Equus quagga</i> , <i>Equus zebra</i> , <i>Equus grevyi</i> , or indicate any cross between those				
Identification system: The animal must bear an individual identifier which permits to link the animal to the identification document as defined in Article 2(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, tattoo, brand, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal.				
If a passport accompanies the animal, its number should be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it.				
Age: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy).				
Sex (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).				
⁽²⁾ Delete as appropriate.				

ANNEX V

PART 1

Declaration by the captain of the aircraft

(To be completed and attached to the health certificate when transport to the Union frontier includes, even for part of the journey, transportation by air.)

Declaration by the captain of the aircraft

I, the undersigned, captain of the aircraft (name), declare that the crate or container and the area around the crate or container containing the animals referred to in the attached health certificate No has been sprayed with insecticide before departure.

Done at on

(Airport of departure) (Date of departure)

(signature of captain)

(stamp)

(name in capital letters and title)

PART 2

Declaration by the captain of the vessel

(To be completed and attached to the health certificate when transport to the Union frontier includes, even for part of the journey, transportation by ship.)

Declaration by the master of the ship

I, the undersigned, master of the ship (name), declare that the animals referred to in the attached health certificate No have remained on board the ship during the voyage from in **New Zealand** to in the Union and that the ship did not call at an place outside **New Zealand** en route to the Union other than: (*Ports of call en route*). Moreover, during the journey, these animals have not been in contact with other animals on board of a lower health status.

Done at on

(Port of arrival) (Date of arrival)

(signature of master)

(stamp)

(name in capital letters and title)

PART 3

Model Transhipment Manifest

(To be completed and attached to the health certificate when transport to the Union frontier includes transhipment from one aircraft to another aircraft or from one vessel to another vessel in a country not listed in Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659)

Serial Number:

Reference No of Air Cargo Transfer Manifest: (1)

Country where transhipment takes place:

Airport (2)/Port (2) of arrival:

Date of arrival:

Date of transhipment:

Transferring Carrier:

Receiving Carrier:

Description of consignment:	Animal species: Total number of animals:
Serial No of Health Certificate	Remarks

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian (2)/customs officer (2) at the above mentioned airport (2)/port (2) declare that the transhipment took place under my supervision and in compliance with the following conditions:

- (a) the equidae were during the transhipment protected from attacks by insect vectors of diseases transmissible to equidae;
- (b) the equidae did not come into contact with equidae of a different health status;
- (c) the crates, containers or jet-stalls and the surrounding airspace in the transport compartment were sprayed with an appropriate insect repellent in combination with an insecticide immediately after the closing of the doors of the aircraft (2)/vessel (2).

The consignment has been transhipped in full and apparent good order and conditions except as noted in the "Remarks" column.

Done at on

<p>..... (signature of the official veterinarian or customs officer)</p> <p>..... (name in capital letters and title)</p>	<p>Stamp</p>
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(1) Keep empty if transhipment from vessel to vessel
(2) Delete as appropriate