

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999**

## **Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries**

Ref: AE-US-13

Date: 20 January 2016

### **HORANI.US 1 February 2016– Horses to the United States of America**

#### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the Overseas Market Access Requirements for horses to the United States of America HORANI.US dated 1 February 2016;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the Overseas Market Access Requirements for horses to the United States of America HORANIEC.US dated 1 March 2013;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for horses to the United States of America.

This notice takes effect from the 1 February 2016.

Dated at Wellington this 26th day of January 2016.

Signed: Howard Pharo  
Manager Import and Export Animals  
Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Regulation and Assurance Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### **2. United States of America requirements**

Horses exported from New Zealand to the United States of America must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

##### **Explanatory note:**

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the horses do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the horses do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No: .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Commodity: HORSES  
To: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

**I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMALS**

Name	Breed	Age	Colour	Sex	Identification Microchip Number/site, or brand or silhouette

Total number of animals in the consignment: .....

**II: SOURCE OF THE ANIMALS**

Name and address of exporter:.....  
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Name and address of premises of origin:.....  
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**III: DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS**

Name and address of consignee: .....

Means and identification of transport: .....

#### IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

##### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries certify, after due enquiry, in regard to the animals listed in the Zoosanitary Certificate that:

#### 1. COUNTRY FREEDOM

- 1.1 New Zealand is free of the following diseases, and no cases have occurred during the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the scheduled date of export of the horses from New Zealand:

African horse sickness	contagious equine metritis
dourine	epizootic lymphangitis
equine piroplasmosis	Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis
glanders	surra
vesicular stomatitis	

- 1.2 After due enquiry, ulcerative lymphangitis has not occurred in horses on the premises of origin nor on any adjacent premises during the sixty (60) days immediately prior to export.

- 1.3 The horses for export have been resident in New Zealand and free from all quarantine restrictions during the sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of export from New Zealand.

(N.B. Where horses have been in New Zealand for less than sixty (60) days they must be accompanied by an official veterinary certificate from each country in which the horses have been in the last sixty (60) days and which stipulates that the horses have been inspected on the premises of origin and found free from evidence of communicable diseases, and, in so far as can be determined, exposure thereto during the sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of export of the horses from New Zealand.)

- 1.4 The horses for export have not been in a country where contagious equine metritis (CEM) is known to exist, nor in so far as can be determined have they had any contact, breeding or otherwise, with horses from such a country for the twelve (12) months prior to the scheduled date of export from New Zealand.

#### 2. HORSES FOR EXPORT

- 2.1 During the sixty (60) days immediately prior to the date of export from New Zealand, the horses for export have been inspected by a MPI-approved veterinarian and found to be free from evidence of contagious diseases and ectoparasites.

- 2.2 During the sixty (60) days immediately prior to the date of export from New Zealand, in so far as can be determined the horses for export have not been exposed to infectious or contagious disease.

- 2.3 The horses have not been present on any premises declared to be a Restricted Place (Biosecurity Act 1993, section 130) for equine infectious anaemia, nor had contact with horses from such premises.

- 2.4 The horses for export have not been vaccinated with a live, attenuated or inactivated vaccine during the fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of export from New Zealand.

**[3. TRANSIT VIA AUSTRALIA**

After due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge:

- (i) the horses for export will transit through Australia en route to the United States of America
- (ii) during the transit via Australia, the horses will have no contact with animals not of the same certified health status.]\*

\*Delete if not applicable

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Signed Official Veterinarian  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

Name and Address: .....

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**Note. The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.**

## EXPORT CERTIFICATION

**(This is not part of the official certification)**

**COMMODITY:** HORSES

**COUNTRY:** THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**NOTES:** This export certificate is based on the Zoosanitary Certificate for horses to the United States of America 21 May 2008, and was updated to enable certification for the disease ulcerative lymphangitis. This amendment was approved by the USDA on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

1. This export certificate is for horses being exported by air from New Zealand, either to the United States of America by direct flight, or to the United States of America with a transit via Australia.

For horses transiting via Australia, a Transit Certificate must also be issued.

2. An Import Permit is not required for the United States of America.

For horses transiting via Australia, please see the information regarding DAFF import and transit permits in the notes page of the Transit Certificate for horses via Australia.

3. Although horses certified with this certificate may travel to the United States of America via Australia, they will not necessarily be allowed to re-enter Australia should they be refused entry into the United States of America.

4. Horses imported into the United States of America are required to be detained at the United States port of entry while tests for dourine, glanders, equine piroplasmiasis and EIA are conducted. Test results from the NVSL are generally available three (3) days after the date of arrival of the horses. Horses which test positive to any of these diseases will be refused entry into the United States of America.

5. To reserve a space at a USDA-operated quarantine facility the importer or agent should contact the port veterinarian at one of the following locations:

New York Animal Import Centre 200 Drury Lane Rock Tavern, NY 12575 001 845 564-2950	Los Angeles Import Centre 9680 S. La Cienega Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301 001 310 215-2351	Miami Animal Import Centre PO Box 660657 Miami Springs, FL 33266 001 305 526-2926
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6. It may be prudent to check with the State of destination as to any additional State health requirements that must be met. Some States have health requirements that are in addition to those required by the Federal Government.

7. Where one export certificate is used for multiple horses, an attached schedule may be used and the 'Name and address of premises of origin' may be listed as the town/city of origin.

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**Section 61A Animal Products Act 1999 states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market'.**