

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

## **Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal Health & Welfare Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries**

Ref: AE-SG-13

Date: 08 May 2018

### **HORANITEM.SG 09 MAY 2018 – TEMPORARY EXPORT OF HORSES TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.**

#### **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 167 of the overseas market access requirements for temporary export of horses to the Republic of Singapore, HORANITEM.SG, dated 09 May 2018;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for temporary export of horses to the Republic of Singapore.

This notice takes effect from 09 May 2018.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of May 2018.

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

#### **2. Republic of Singapore requirements**

Horses exported from New Zealand to the Republic of Singapore 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.

<p>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.</p>
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Certificate No : .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE TEMPORARY EXPORT OF HORSES FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.**

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND  
Ministry : Ministry for Primary Industries  
AVA Import Permit Number: .....

**I: IDENTIFICATION OF THE HORSE(S)**

Name	Age	Sex	Colour	Breed	Description/ markings	Passport number

Each horse must be accompanied by a current equine passport or identification silhouette.

**II: ORIGIN OF THE HORSE(S)**

Name and address of exporter / owner\* : .....  
(\* Please delete accordingly)

Name and address of premises of origin of horse(s) : .....

**III: DESTINATION OF THE HORSE(S)**

Country of destination: .....

Name and address of consignee: .....

Means and identification of transport: .....

**IV: MOVEMENT INFORMATION OF THE HORSE**

I \_\_\_\_\_, an official veterinarian authorised by the competent authority of New Zealand to certify horses for export, hereby declare that:

- a) The country/ place of permanent/ usual residency for the horse is: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) The horse has been temporarily imported into the country/ countries/ place(s) listed below for racing, polo, equestrian or show purposes since leaving its country/ place of permanent/ usual residency according to the following sequence:

Country/ Place	Entry Date	Exit date

- c) All of the country/ countries/ place(s) listed in Section IV (a) and (b) are included in the list of the scheduled countries/ places as stated in “Veterinary Conditions for the Temporary Importation of Horses”.

**V: SANITARY INFORMATION**

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 <b>African horse sickness</b> 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 <b>Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis</b> for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against this disease <b>OR</b>	
	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 <b>Eastern</b> and <b>Western equine encephalomyelitis</b> for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against these diseases <b>OR</b>	
	the horse has been vaccinated within 12 months but not within 30 days of export against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis with vaccines approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country of export and AVA.	Date of vaccination:
IV	<b>Glanders</b> is a notifiable disease in the country of export and no case has been reported during the past 3 years <b>OR</b>	
	<b>Glanders</b> is a notifiable disease in the country 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 OIE recommendations <b>OR</b>	
	the horse was tested for <b>Glanders</b> by the complement fixation test with negative result(s) within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
V	The country has been free from <b>surra</b> for the last 12 months prior to date of export <b>OR</b>	

	the horse was tested for <b><u>Trypanosoma evansi</u></b> by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or card agglutination test (CATT) with negative results within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
VI	The country has been free from dourine for the last 12 months prior to date of export <b>OR</b>	
	The horse was tested for Trypanosoma equiperdum by the complement fixation test with negative results within 15 days of export.	Date of test:
VII	The country has been free from <b><u>equine infectious anaemia</u></b> for the last 12 months prior to the date of export <b>OR</b>	
	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 <b><u>equine viral arteritis</u></b> for the last 12 months prior to date of export <b>OR</b>	
	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	The country has been free from <b><u>equine piroplasmiasis</u></b> for the past 12 months <b>OR</b>	
	the horse was subjected to a fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (C-ELISA) for equine piroplasmiasis with negative results within 30 days of export.	Date of test:
X	The country has been free from <b><u>rabies</u></b> in the past 2 years <b>OR</b>	
	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 a) the horse has not been vaccinated against rabies* <b>OR</b> b) was vaccinated against rabies using an approved vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export*.  <i>*Please delete accordingly</i>	Date of vaccination (if applicable):
XI	No case of <b><u>Hendra-virus infection</u></b> has been reported in horses in the country of residence for the last 3 months prior to export <b>OR</b>	
	if <b><u>Hendra-virus infection</u></b> were reported in the country 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 <u>21 days</u> continuously prior to export, under veterinary supervision and the horse has been tested for Hendra virus infection by ELISA test with negative results within <u>14 days</u> prior to export.  <b>OR</b> b) In the case of a vaccinated horse, the vaccination is 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.	Date of test:  Date of vaccination (if applicable):
XII	No case of <b><u>Nipah virus infection</u></b> has been reported in horses in the country for the last 2 years prior to the date of export <b>OR</b>	

	no case of <b><u>Nipah virus infection</u></b> has been reported in horses in the country for the past 6 months, or such other period as may be specified by AVA, prior to the date of export and the horse has undergone 2 weeks pre-export isolation at premises approved by AVA and tested during pre-export isolation for Nipah virus infection with negative results prior to export.	Date of test:
XIII	During the 60 days prior to export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected with <b>Equine Influenza (EI)</b> , and was vaccinated against EI according to manufacturer's recommendation with an inactivated or recombinant vaccine approved by the country of export, between 21 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster.	Date of vaccination:
XIV	All tests were carried out in a laboratory approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country of export and AVA, using OIE prescribed methodologies.	
XV	The horses had been resident in the country of export continuously for at least 60 days immediately prior to export.	
XVI	During the 60 days 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, glanders, 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 of export.	
XVII	The horse was treated with an approved long-acting and broad spectrum parasiticide effective against ticks within 14 days of export.	
XVIII	The horse had not been vaccinated with any vaccine within 30 days of export <b><u>OR</u></b>	
	the horse had been vaccinated within 30 days with a vaccine or vaccines approved by AVA (submit name and purpose of vaccine and date of vaccination).  Name of vaccine: _____  Purpose of vaccine: _____  Date of vaccination: _____	
XIX	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 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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**Note. The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification, using a different colour ink to the paper and print.**

**DECLARATION FROM MASTER/ CAPTAIN OF SHIP/ AIRCRAFT CARRYING LIVE HORSES  
FOR IMPORTATION INTO SINGAPORE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name), Master/ Captain

of \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No.), do hereby declare that:

- (i) the horses had been embarked or emplaned in the country 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 of export: NEW ZEALAND

\*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 AVA),
- (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 AVA). 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 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 AVA 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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## EXPORT CERTIFICATION

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

**COMMODITY:** HORSES

**COUNTRY:** REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

**NOTES:** This export certificate was approved by the AVA on

1. Each consignment of horses must be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.
2. The owner or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through LicenceOne (<http://www.ava.gov.sg/e-services>) thirty (30) days 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.
3. The importer or agent must make an appointment for the inspection of the horse(s) by submitting an online booking request via AVA's Intelligent Food Approval & Safety Tracking System (iFAST) at <https://ifast.ava.gov.sg/eserviceweb/>.
4. On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the horses and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate and Captains 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.
5. All imports must fully comply with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from AVA. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director- General, Agri-Food and Veterinary Service. 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
6. This export certificate is for use for racing, polo, equestrian or show horses.
7. The certificate must be dated not more than forty-eight (48) hours prior to export.
8. A copy of the laboratory reports must be endorsed by the Official Veterinarian and attached to the export certificate.
9. Section IV, movement history of the horse, this sections refers to the horses' movement for at least the last 60 days prior to the date of export.
10. In the table in section V, when this table is completed all cells in the third column should have either a tick, a 'NA', or appropriate date(s).
11. In the table in section V, the requirements for clause III include: The country has been free from **Eastern** and **Western equine encephalomyelitis** for the last two (2) years prior to the date of export, and **no vaccination is permitted in the country against these diseases**. Some horses may be vaccinated against EEE and WEE as part of their preparation for export to specific countries, however this vaccination is for export **only** and does not contradict the ability to sign this clause.
12. In the table in V for clause XVIII, details of vaccinations only need to be included if they were given within thirty (30) days prior to export. In general, vaccines approved in NZ are also approved by AVA. Where a horse was vaccinated against EI within the last 30 days, that vaccination should be recorded in this table.
13. 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 AVA-approved premises.

14. All imported horses from one country shall have no contact with horses from other countries other than during racing for the first 14 days after import, unless otherwise approved by the AVA.
15. Facilities for isolation shall be on equine establishments approved by AVA.
16. Training and racing in the first 14 days of import may be permitted under official veterinary supervision subject to the above conditions being met and AVA's approval.
17. Stopover of aircraft at all Australian airports, all Canadian airports, Amsterdam, Anchorage, Bahrain, Basel, Berlin, Brussels, Chicago, Copenhagen, Dubai, Dublin, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Honolulu, London, Los Angeles, Luxembourg, Manchester, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Taipei, Tokyo, Vienna and Zurich may be permitted but no horse is allowed to leave the aircraft.
18. 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.
19. It is the responsibility of the owner of the horses or his agent to ensure that quarantine space is available before importing the horses.
20. Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation of the horse shall be borne by the owner of the horses or his agent.
21. If a horse dies or is destroyed while under the custody of AVA, AVA will not be liable for any compensation.
22. Horses must be kept in places licensed by the Director-General of Public Health, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore.
23. Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence by AVA.
24. Horses should be transported in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code and the International Air Transport Association's Live Animal Regulations.
25. Application for import from any other country, other than those listed by the AVA, should be made to AVA through the competent veterinary authority of the country of export at least six (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 OIE-listed diseases in the country.
26. Horses must begin re-export isolation within 14 days after completion of the international race.

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**Section 61A of the 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.**