



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of the Environment and Sports

Department of Environmental Protection

**IMPORTATION OF HORSES, PONIES AND OTHER EQUINES
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND/OR CANADA**
(From other countries, see [Importation of Equines From Other Countries.](#))

- An application for permission to import must be filed with the Bermuda Department of Environmental Protection.
- The Department of Environmental Protection has the right to inspect the property where the animals will be kept prior to issuing an Import Permit.
- Evidence that conditions of entry have been met must be on file with the Department of Environmental Protection. (i.e. U.S. Health Certificate VS Form 17-140; Canadian Health Certificate HA Form 1084 & 1052). Forms must be issued within 10 days of shipment.
- The animals must be accompanied by a United States Origin Health Certificate (Veterinary Services Form 17-140) with an attachment of the certifications issued by a veterinarian accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and complete identification of the animals including color, sex, breed, age, and tattoo, microchip, photograph or silhouette.
- The Conditions of Entry are subject to change at short notice in response to changes in disease status of country of origin.

The following conditions must have been met before an import permit can be issued:

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. Each animal shall be individually identified.
2. Each animal has been resident in the United States during the 60 days preceding exportation or since birth.
3. Each animal has been inspected on the premises of origin and found free from evidence of communicable diseases and external parasites, and, insofar as can be determined, exposure thereto during the 60 days preceding exportation.
4. Each animal has not been vaccinated with a live, attenuated or inactivated vaccine during the 14 days preceding exportation.
5. United States is free from African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis.
6. Insofar as can be determined, no cases of vesicular stomatitis or equine ulcerative lymphangitis have occurred on the premises of origin or on adjoining premises during the 60 days preceding exportation.
7. Each animal tested negative to an agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) within 60 days preceding exportation.



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8. Each animal has been vaccinated against Western and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis not less than 14 days and not more than one year prior to the date of shipment.
9. Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM):
 - a. Each animal has been subjected to the CEM testing protocol appropriate to the individual animal, and in accordance to the Testing Requirements outlined in Part II.2
 - b. The CEM tests were conducted by a USDA-approved laboratory.
 - c. The animal showed no clinical signs of CEM on the dates of testing and inspection.
 - d. From the time of completion of the health inspection and certification until exportation occurs, the animal has been protected from any possibility of contagion.
 - e. **Mare of age 24 months or greater; Female equine of any age that has been bred (naturally or artificially):** (Delete as appropriate)
 - i. The animal has not been on any premises where *Taylorella equigenitalis* has been isolated during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation or on any premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
 - ii. The animal has not been bred naturally to, or inseminated with, semen from a stallion positive for CEM, or with semen from a stallion resident upon any premises where an animal tested positive for CEM, or with semen from a stallion resident on any premises under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
 - iii. Within 30 days of export, the mare has been subjected to two sets of culture swabs or polymerase chain reaction tests, (taken at an interval of at least 5 days) and each set contained specimens gathered from at least three of the following sites:
 - Uterine endometrium (during estrus);
 - Cervix;
 - Clitoral fossa;
 - Clitoral sinus;and each swab must have a definitive negative result for the CEM contagion.
 - f. **Stallions 24 months of age or older; Stallions of any age that have been used in natural breeding or artificial semen collection; Geldings of any age known to demonstrate libido, based on the owner's knowledge:** (Delete as appropriate.)
 - i. The animal has not been on any premises where *T. equigenitalis* has been isolated during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation or on any premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
 - ii. The animal has not been bred to a mare positive for CEM, or a mare resident on any premises where an animal tested positive for CEM, or a mare resident on any premises under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
 - iii. Within 30 days of export, the animal has been subjected to two sets of culture swabs or polymerase chain reaction tests, (taken at an interval of at least 5 days)



and each set contained specimens gathered from at least three of the following sites:

- the urethral fossa & sinus;
- urethra;
- external surface of the penis;
- prepuce;
- pre-ejaculate fluid or ejaculate.

and each swab must have a definitive negative result for the CEM contagion.

g. Gelding not known to demonstrate libido, based on the owner's knowledge:

(Delete as appropriate)

- i. The gelding has not been on any premises where *T. equigenitalis* has been isolated during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation or on any premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
- ii. Based on the owner's declaration, the gelding does not demonstrate any libido, and was not tested for CEM.

h. Equine less than 24 months of age that has not been used in natural breeding or artificial semen collection: (Delete as appropriate)

- i. The animal has not been on any premises where *T. equigenitalis* has been isolated during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation or on any premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
- ii. The animal has not been tested for CEM because it is younger than 24 months of age AND has not been used in natural breeding or artificial insemination collection.

II. TESTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA): AGID test within 60 days prior to exportation.
2. Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM):
 - a. Within 30 days prior to exportation, the animal was subjected to two sets of culture swabs or PCR tests, gathered at intervals of not less than 5 days, and from the urogenital membranes specified above;
OR
 - b. Animal qualifies to be exempt from CEM testing because:
 - i. it is a gelding that does not demonstrate libido; OR
 - ii. it is under age 24 months AND has not been involved in natural breeding or artificial insemination collection.



III. EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach a Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, including:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto.

THE PROCEDURE

FAX the veterinary documents to this office at 441-232-0046. We will respond with an Import Permit or Request for Additional Information by FAX, usually within 1 business day. Please ensure that your FAX number is shown on the application form. The FAX Import Permit and the ORIGINAL veterinary certificates MUST accompany the animal on arrival.

Import permits are only valid for 10 days from the date of the veterinary certificate.

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IMPORTATION OF HORSES, PONIES AND OTHER EQUINES FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S.A & CANADA

Importation of horses, ponies and other equines from countries other than the United States or Canada is permissible, but animals must fully meet entry requirements for the U.S.A. and will be subject to U.S.D.A. quarantine prior to shipping to Bermuda.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT ANIMALS
Livestock, Aviary Birds & Tropical Fish

Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephones: (c) _____ (h) _____ (w) _____

Fax number to where import permit should be sent: _____

Animal(s) to be imported: Species: _____ Number of animals: _____

Breed(s) of animals to be imported: _____

Sex(es): Number of males: _____ Number of females: _____ Number of unknown gender: _____

Country and locality of origin; (Include name and address of supplier or previous owner and any other knowledge you may have on the animal you wish to import): _____

Briefly outline: (a) Why you wish to import the animal: _____

(b) What knowledge you have of the husbandry (care) of the animal(s) you wish to import:

(c) The facilities you have for housing the animal(s) you wish to import:

Method of transport & Estimated date of arrival: _____

Signature of applicant or agent

Date



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IMPORTATION OF HORSE SEMEN

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

In the case of chilled semen: A general certificate of health issued at the time of semen collection, which must be within 10 days of shipment, stating that the donor has been inspected and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and insofar as can be determined, exposure thereto during the 60 days preceding collection. Furthermore, the donor stallion has been certified free of *Taylorella equigenitalis* by way of the following procedures and certificates:

- During the period of 60 days immediately preceding semen collection, the donor stallion had not been on a premise where *T. equigenitalis* has been isolated or a premise currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
- The donor stallion has not been bred to a mare positive for CEM, or a mare resident upon a premise where an animal tested positive for CEM or a premises under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
- The animal showed no clinical signs of CEM on the days of inspection and testing.
- The semen was processed using an extender that contains antibiotic(s), which must be named, effective against *Taylorella equigenitalis*.
- The semen is in individual receptacles or straws, each marked with the collection date, identity of the donor and the semen collection premises.

In the case of frozen semen: A general certificate of health issued at the time of semen collection stating that the donor was inspected and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and insofar as can be determined, exposure thereto during the 60 days preceding collection. The health certificate should be endorsed again at the time of exportation of the semen. Furthermore, the donor stallion has been certified free of *Taylorella equigenitalis* by way of the following procedures and certificates:

- During the period of 60 days preceding semen collection, the donor stallion had not been on a premise where *T. equigenitalis* had been isolated, or a premise then or currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
- The donor stallion had not been bred to a mare positive for CEM, or a mare resident upon a premise where an animal tested positive for CEM or a premises then or currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM.
- The animal showed no clinical signs of CEM on the days of inspection and testing.
- The semen was processed using an extender that contains antibiotic(s), which must be named, effective against *Taylorella equigenitalis*.
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