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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF NICARAGUA FOR HORSES
EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. 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 to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of african horse sickness, dourine, glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, and contagious equine metritis.
2. The animals originate from premises where no clinical cases of equine infectious anemia (EIA), equine pox, rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, and mange have been reported during the 3 months prior to embarkation.
3. The animals have been vaccinated against equine influenza. (Note date of vaccination and type of vaccine used on the health certificate).
4. The animals for export, under the supervision of a USDA-accredited veterinarian, were isolated for at least two weeks prior to embarkation.
5. The animals were vaccinated against Venezuelan equine encephalitis (VEE) at least 2 months prior to embarkation. (Note date of vaccination and type of vaccine used on the health certificate). OR see Test Requirement #3.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days prior to embarkation:

1. EIA: Agar-gel immunodiffusion test (AGID).
2. Equine piroplasmiasis: Complement Fixation (CF) test; OR, Indirect immunofluorescent antibody test.
3. VEE: serum neutralization (SN) test. This test must be conducted within two weeks prior to embarkation; OR see Certification Statement #5.

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate (17-140) the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37):

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 of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto" (within 24 hours of exportation).