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

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-140), with attached declarations of the health requirements, issued by an accredited veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and complete permanent identification (eartag, tattoo or iron brand) including number, breed, age, and sex of each animal to be exported.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. At the farms of origin, there have been no clinical cases of equine infectious anaemia, equine piroplasmiasis, equine eastern, western and Venezuelan encephalomyelitis, and contagious equine metritis, during the 6 (six) months prior to export.
2. The animals were tested and found negative for equine infectious anaemia, tuberculosis, and contagious equine metritis, within 2 (two) weeks prior to export. The tests were performed by a laboratory recognized by USDA.
3. The United States is free from *Trypanosoma equinum* (*Mal de Caderas*), Dourine, and Glanders (Malleous),
4. Within 72 hours before shipment the animals were treated with broad-spectrum parasiticide against endo and ectoparasites.
5. The animals were vaccinated against tetanus and equine influenza.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

All animals must be tested with negative results as prescribed below within 2 weeks prior to shipment.

1. Equine infectious anemia (EIA): Negative agar-gel immunodiffusion test (AGID) or ELISA.
2. Tuberculosis: Negative intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
3. Contagious equine metritis: One culture and identification of the causal agent with negative results.

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS

At the port of embarkation, a Veterinary Services port veterinarian shall attach to the

Origin Health Certificate the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number, sex and types of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement certifying that the animals for export were given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found them to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto.

OTHER INFORMATION

Importers must comply with all conditions described in the import permit issued by the Department of Animal Production and Health, Veterinary Service of Suriname.