Regulations for horse movement within and into the European Union

with particular regard to the movement of sport horses

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The EU Context

Area [km²]: 4 215 100
Member States: 27
Inhabitants: 500 000 000

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Equidae
the most mobile segment of EU livestock

5.5 Million equidae (horses, donkeys etc.)

2.9 Million (53%) registered equidae (registered in a studbook or with FEI)

2.6 Million (47%) equidae for breeding and production (not registered in a studbook)
Equidae – legal framework

Animal Health
(live equidae)
(movement, trade, imports)
Dir. 2009/156/EC

Animal Health
(semen, ova, embryos)
(trade, imports)
Dir. 92/65/EEC

Zootechnics
(studbook)
Dir. 90/427/EEC

Animal Welfare
Reg. (EC) No 1/2005

Competitions
(use)
Dir. 90/428/EEC
Equidae

• **Species**
  - E. caballus
  - E. asinus
  - E. hemionus
    - Kiang, Onager, Kulan, Dschiggetai, Khur
  - E. quagga
  - E. zebra
  - E. grevyi

• **Crossings**

• **Wild or domesticated**
Holding

• any premises or facilities in which equidae are habitually kept or bred, for whatever use (Directive 2009/156/EC)

• any nature reserves where equidae live in freedom (Directive 92/35/EEC)
Categories of Equidae

• Registered equidae
  • Studbook - approved under Decision 92/353/EEC
  • International organisation for competitions (FEI)
    ■ High value of horses
    ■ Intensive veterinary care
    ■ FEI/FN health requirements and checks
    ■ Traceability

• Equidae for breeding and production

• Equidae for slaughter – intended for transport to slaughterhouse
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* No compulsory recording in TRACES
Regulation (EC) No 504/2008

- Movement-independent identification
- Single lifetime ID-document
  - Database records on issued ID-documents
  - Document replacement procedures
  - Immobilisation tool in case of disease
- Unique life number

- Medication record
  - Status of equidae as food-producing animals has consequences for medicinal treatment (Reg. (EC) No 470/2009)
  - Specific derogation in Article 10 of Directive 2001/82/EC requires tight link between document and animal
Regulation (EC) No 504/2008

- as of 1 July 2009 active marking of foals with an electronic transponder within first year of life

- alternative methods
  - unequivocal link
  - sign of identification

+ DNA = OK
Passport issuing bodies

- **Registered Equidae**
  - Studbooks
    - have the obligation under zootechnical legislation to issue passports in accordance with Reg. 504/2008
  - World Equestrian Federation (FEI)
    - recognition of passports issued strictly in accordance with Reg. 504/2008

- **Equidae for breeding and production**
  - Body designated by competent authority
## Identification and certification

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\(^1\) Passport in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 504/2008
Notifiable Diseases (Annex I to 2009/156/EC)

- African horse sickness
- Vesicular stomatitis

- Dourine, Glanders
- Equine infectious anaemia
- Equine encephalomyelitis (all types, incl. VEE) [and WNF]
- Rabies, Anthrax

Rules for: Equine viral arteritis, Contagious equine metritis

No rules for: Equine herpes virus
Equine influenza

Notifiable to ADNS CD 2004/216/EC
Health requirements for movement

**General Health Requirements**

- **Country/region**
  - 2 years no AHS

- **Holding**
  - under veterinary supervision
  - not under health restrictions
    - 6 months no glanders, dourine, equine encephalomyelitis
    - 3 months no EIA
    - 1 month no rabies
    - 15 days no anthrax

**Passport as health attestation**
Health Attestation Annex II

**ANNEX II**

**MODEL HEALTH ATTESTATION**

1. The undersigned, certifies that the animal identified above meets the following requirements:

   a) It has been examined twice and shows no clinical signs of disease.

   b) It is not intended for slaughter under a sanitary programme of eradication or control of infectious disease treatments.

   c) It does not come from the territory or part of the territory of a Member State which may apply additional requirements for animals or animal products.

   d) It cannot be exported to the territory or part of the territory of a Member State which may apply additional requirements for animals or animal products.

   e) It is not vaccinated against rabies or other diseases.

   f) It has not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons.

   g) It has not been treated with a medicament after the last examination.

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*Note: The animal is to be exported when it is in a health certificate in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 (EU).*
Health Certificate Annex III

TRACES
Checks at destination
Route plan
Imports from Third Countries

- **TC-List (2004/211/EC)**
  - 56 countries listed
    - CH, NO = Trade
    - Imports suspended: EG, KW, SY, LB, **MX**

- **Regionalisation**
  - Disease free areas
    - AHS (SA, ZA)
    - Dourine (KG, RU)
    - Glanders (BR, **BH(N/S)**, TK)
    - Multiple (CN)
  - Limitation to registered horses
  - Limitation to re-entry of registered horses
SANITARY (RISK) GROUPS

No specific problems
VEE encephalitis
Agreement AHS glanders/dourine
## EU import conditions

- **92/260/EEC**  
  Temporary admission of registered horses

- **93/195/EEC**  
  Re-entry of registered horses

- **93/196/EEC**  
  Imports of equidae for slaughter

- **93/197/EEC**  
  Imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production

- **2010/57/EU**  
  Transit
Import conditions registered horses

92/260/EEC  Temporary admission of registered horses
- Less than 90 days
- Not limited to race and competition horses, also breeding
- Only studbook horses or FEI horses, no Polo-horses !!
- TRACES mechanism to ensure follow-up and re-export
- Official certification from one MS to another MS
- No importer required
- Residence in exporting country 40 days, including MS and listed TCs
- Individual certificate

93/197/EEC  Imports of registered horses
- Any introduction for more than 90 days
- Identification by EU passport only after completion of customs procedures
- Movement to other MS = trade in registered horses
- Importer required
- Residence in EU counts against 90 days residence in TC of dispatch
- Individual certificate
93/195/EEC Re-entry of registered horses

- race and competition horses
- 30 days in same sanitary region
- 60 and 90 days for specific events (OG, Paralympics, WEG etc.)
- Consecutive movements international group/grade races Australia, Canada, USA, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates for 90 days
- Individual certificate - health status remains uncompromised
Conclusions (I)

Animal health risks arising from keeping, using and moving competition horses are manageable by:

- Observation of basic biosecurity principles such as:
  - Separating temporarily admitted from local horses
  - Separating for a certain time newly introduced from resident horses on the holding
  - Regular daily health checks on all equidae on the holding (grooming, monitoring of feed consumption, body condition, behaviour, performance etc.)
  - Regular health testing and recording of health test results
  - Regular vaccination of all equidae on the holding against the diseases for which there are vaccination requirements
- Compliance with animal health and welfare rules when equidae are moved on and off the holding
- Disease notification, including suspicions, to competent authorities
Conclusions (II)

Animal health risks arising from international movements of race and competition horses are manageable by:

- **Definition of acceptable level of protection in line with OIE**
  - Appropriate import conditions, limited number of important diseases
  - Use of mitigating measures such as
    - vaccination with licensed vaccines
    - testing by use of validated methods in qualified laboratories
  - Harmonised disease relevant minimum residence and quarantine periods
- **Application of OIE principles**
  - responsible veterinary services
  - ethics of certification
  - immediate disease notification