



**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
EXPORT HORSES TO JAPAN**

EXPORTER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the Isolation Premises used for the Pre-Export Quarantine:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, duly authorized by the Government of Canada, do certify, in respect to the animals described below, that:

1. Each animal originates from Canada, a country free of African horse sickness, glanders, horse pox, epizootic lymphangitis, vesicular stomatitis and dourine.
2. There have been no outbreaks of equine viral arteritis, equine encephalomyelitis, equine infectious anemia, equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis, strangles, equine paratyphoid and equine piroplasmosis within three (3) months preceding the exporting date in the breeding farm or the keeping premises of the exported horses.
3. There have been no outbreaks of Potomac horse fever within one (1) year prior to shipment in breeding farm or the keeping premises of the exported horses.
4. Each animal was kept isolated from any other animal not intended to be exported to Japan for at least seven (7) days prior to shipment on premises approved for this purpose by an official of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and, during that period, was inspected by a salaried veterinarian of the Government of Canada and found to be in good health and free from any evidence of communicable diseases. In case that the exported horse is a stallion that was vaccinated against equine viral arteritis, the isolation shall be as per 5(d) of this health certificate.
5. Each animal has passed with negative results within thirty (30) days of the date of shipment:

- a) an immunodiffusion test or ELISA for equine infectious anemia (**Delete unused option**)

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

- b) a tube agglutination test for equine paratyphoid, negative if less than 1/320

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

- c) an indirect immunofluorescent (IFA) test or cELISA for piroplasmosis (**Delete unused option**)

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

However, if the exported horse is showing clinical signs suspecting equine piroplasmosis, microscopic examination of peripheral blood smear, with negative results, is required.

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

- d) EVA (**Delete unused options**)

a neutralization test for equine viral arteritis, negative is less than 1:4 for animals which are not vaccinated

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

However, if the horses is a vaccinated stallion then the following requirements must be met:

- i) to the best of my knowledge, a blood sample was taken from the vaccinated stallion immediately prior to a vaccination and the serum was subjected to the serum neutralization test with a negative result at 1:4.

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccine: \_\_\_\_\_

- ii) three (3) blood samples were taken from the vaccinated stallion; one (1) on the premises and twice at the pre-embarkation quarantine facilities. These three (3) sera were subjected to the serum neutralization test simultaneously with no significant increase (no greater than fourfold) or decrease in titres. The interval shall be about two (2) weeks and the third blood sample shall be taken within ten (10) days prior to the shipment.

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

iii) if stable titres, then the said stallion shall be subjected to covering tests. The two (2) test mares to be used in the covering tests shall satisfy the requirements for horses exported to Japan and shall be isolated at the same pre-embarkation quarantine facilities together with the vaccinated stallion during the thirty (30) days prior to shipment to Japan, with negative results to the following tests:

a) blood samples were taken from the two test mares immediately prior to entering pre-embarkation quarantine facilities, and were subjected to the serum neutralization test with negative results at 1:4.

Results - Mare 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
- Mare 2 \_\_\_\_\_

b) during the thirty (30) day pre-embarkation quarantine period, each of the two (2) test mares were covered by the vaccinated stallion twice a day for two days, and at the 14th day and the 28th day respectively after the last covering, blood samples were taken from each of the two test mares and were subjected to the serum neutralization test with negative results at 1:4.

Date of 1st test \_\_\_\_\_

Date of 2nd test \_\_\_\_\_

c) the two (2) test mares were found to be free of signs or symptoms of equine viral arteritis during the thirty (30) day pre-embarkation quarantine period.

6. Each animal was vaccinated against equine influenza:

i) vaccinated twice at four (4) to six (6) week interval prior to entering embarkation quarantine;

OR

ii) vaccinated once (as a booster) within one year prior to entering embarkation quarantine.

Dates of vaccination	Kind of vaccine
_____	_____
_____	_____

**(Delete unused option)**

7. a) Each animal was vaccinated against West Nile fever using a vaccine approved by the CFIA or the USDA:

i) vaccinated twice at three (3) to six (6) week interval within one (1) year prior to shipment to Japan;

OR

ii) vaccinated once (as a booster) within one (1) year prior to shipment to Japan.

Dates of vaccination	Kind of vaccine
_____	_____
_____	_____

OR

b) Within 50 kilometers from the premises stabling the exported horses during fourteen (14) days immediately prior to shipment to Japan, no cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) infection were confirmed for sixty (60) days immediately prior to shipment to Japan.

**(Delete unused options)**

8. All equipment, containers and vehicles used for transportation of the animals were cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the Government of Canada and the horses did not come in contact with any other animal not intended for export to Japan.

9. All hay, straw, feed, bedding used from the commencement of the embarkation quarantine to the arrival in Japan were of Canadian origin and not known to be infected with causative agent of contagious diseases.

