

**HORSE INFORMATION DOCUMENT**  
**for the Temporary Importation OR Transhipment OR Re-entry of a Registered Horse into Hong Kong**  
- All the pages must be completed in English <sup>(1)</sup> and must travel with the horse.

Special Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Export Permit No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
(issued by Hong Kong SAR Government) (issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Government)

**A Special Permit to import the horse must be obtained before shipment.**

For details see [http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua\\_ie/qua\\_ie\\_ipab/qua\\_ie\\_ipab\\_ihea/qua\\_ie\\_ipab\\_ihea.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_ihea/qua_ie_ipab_ihea.html)

**SECTION I IDENTIFICATION OF THE HORSE**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Colour : \_\_\_\_\_

Sex : \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_ Breed : \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Passport Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing/Validating Authority : \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II ORIGIN OF THE HORSE**

(a) Exporting Country/Place<sup>(2)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Competent Authority<sup>(3)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Name and Address of Consignor <sup>(4)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Address of Premises where the Horse was examined: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III DESTINATION OF THE HORSE**

(a) By AIR/RAIL/ROAD/SEA \*: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate flight number, registration marks or registered name as appropriate)

(b) Name and Address of Consignee: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV MOVEMENT INFORMATION OF THE HORSE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an official veterinarian authorised by the competent veterinary authority<sup>(3)</sup> of the exporting country/place to certify horses for export, hereby declare that:

(a) The country/place of Permanent/Usual Residency<sup>(5)</sup> for the horse is: \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) This horse has been temporarily imported into the country/countries/place(s) listed below for racing purposes since leaving its country/place of permanent/usual residency according to the following sequence:

(i) Country/place<sup>(6)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exit date: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Country/place<sup>(6)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exit date: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Country/place<sup>(6)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exit date: \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) Country/place<sup>(6)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exit date: \_\_\_\_\_

(v) Country/place<sup>(6)</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Exit date: \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) All of the country/countries/place(s) listed in SECTION IV (a) & (b) are included in the list of Scheduled Countries/places<sup>(2)</sup>.
- (d) I have read, certified as seen and attached to this Horse Information Document, all certification (original certificates or certified copies<sup>(7)</sup>) issued for this horse on being exported from its country/place of permanent/usual residency and/or from the countries/places listed in SECTION IV (b) <sup>(8)</sup>.

**SECTION V ISOLATION INFORMATION OF THE HORSE IN THE COUNTRY/COUNTRIES/PLACE(S) OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCY\***

- (a) Based on the certification provided, during the entire period of stay in the country/countries/place(s) listed in SECTION IV(b) above, the horse has been held in officially approved isolation premises other than during transport between the ports of import and export and the isolation premises, and during training and racing under official supervision <sup>(6)</sup>.
- (b) Note (b)(i), (b)(ii) and (b)(iii) only apply to current country/place of temporary residency,
  - (i) Address of the Isolation Premises in the country/place of temporary residency<sup>(8&9)</sup>:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) After due enquiry, it is found that the premises were emptied, thoroughly cleansed and disinfected prior to the entry of the horse.
  - (iii) The horse has not come into contact with local horses and other horses not of the same health status, other than at the time of the races <sup>(8)</sup>.

**SECTION VI HEALTH INFORMATION OF THE HORSE**

- (a) I have today examined the horse identified in this Horse Information Document and found it to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, free from external parasites and fit to travel <sup>(10)</sup>.
- (b) After due enquiry during the 60 days immediately preceding export, to the best of my knowledge:
  - (i) the horse has not been in any country, territory or part of a territory, other than an officially recognised African Horse Sickness (AHS) Free Zone, in which AHS has officially reported in the last two years, or in which vaccination against this disease has been practised in the last 12 months <sup>(11)</sup>.
  - (ii) the horse has not been in any country/place in which Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has officially reported during the last two years.
  - (iii) the horse has not been in any country/place in which glanders has officially reported during the last two years.
  - (iv) the horse has not been mated, either naturally or by artificial insemination, or been resident on horse breeding premises.
- (c) After due enquiry, to the best of my knowledge

**EITHER**

**\*DURING THE 30 DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EXPORT FROM THE COUNTRY/PLACE OF PERMANENT/USUAL RESIDENCY,**

**OR**

**\*DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD IN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY/PLACE OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCY:**

- (i) the horse was continuously resident on holdings under veterinary supervision in which none of the diseases listed below officially reported during that time.
- (ii) the horse did not exhibit any clinical signs of the diseases listed below.

African horse sickness**	Equine piroplasmosis	Strangles ( <i>Streptococcus equi</i> )
Eastern equine encephalomyelitis**	Equine viral arteritis	Surra
Epizootic lymphangitis	Glanders**	Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis**
Equine ehrlichiosis	Hendra virus infection	Vesicular stomatitis**
Equine herpes virus 1 (paralytic or CNS form) infection	Japanese encephalitis	Western equine encephalomyelitis**
Equine infectious anaemia**	Nipah virus infection	West Nile/Kunjin virus infection**
Equine influenza	St. Louis encephalitis	

The diseases with a double asterisk (\*\*) listed in VI(c)(ii) are compulsorily notifiable in the country/place of export.

**SECTION VII HORSES FROM THE AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS (AHS) FREE ZONE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA) <sup>(11)</sup>: (This section is only applicable to horses from the Republic of South Africa. Strike out the whole section if not applicable.)**

- (a) The horse has been continuously resident for at least 60 days in the AHS Free Zone in the Republic of South Africa immediately prior to export from the RSA.
- (b) The horse has undergone pre-export isolation at a pre-export quarantine facility approved by the Veterinary Administration of South Africa for a minimum of 40 days in *Culicoides* proof facilities.
- (c) The horse was confined to the *Culicoides* protected stables from 2 hours prior to sunset until 2 hours after sunrise.
- (d) The horse, prior to removal from the stables, was treated with an insect repellent effective against *Culicoides*, approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country.
- (e) The horse has not been vaccinated against AHS within 60 days of export.

**SECTION VIII TESTING AND VACCINATION INFORMATION OF THE HORSE <sup>(12&13)</sup>**

- (a) Based on the certification and laboratory results provided,
  - (i) Blood samples have been taken from the horse within 14 days of export in either its country/place of permanent/usual residency in SECTION IV(a) above or, in any of the countries/places listed in SECTION IV(b).
  - (ii) The following tests were performed with **negative** results (unless otherwise stated) in each case <sup>(13)</sup>. These tests results are valid for 90 days so long as the horse remains in the scheduled countries/places. <sup>(2&14)</sup>.
  - (ii) No vaccines have been administered to the horse within 14 days of export to Hong Kong .
- (b) The original or certified copies of all health certificates, laboratory tests and vaccination certificates (unless recorded in the horse's passport) from all countries/places listed in SECTION IV(a) & SECTION IV(b) have been endorsed and attached to this Horse Information Document <sup>(7)</sup>.
- (c) All sections must be completed by inserting a tick ✓ in the appropriate box.

(i)	<b>African horse sickness</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The horse has not during the last 3 months been in any country/place in which African horse sickness has officially reported in the last 2 years or in which vaccination against African horse sickness has been practiced in the last 12 months ,to the best of my knowledge.  <input type="checkbox"/> If the horse originates from an official African horse sickness free zone of a country/place, territory or part of a territory in which African horse sickness has officially reported in the last 2 years or in which vaccination against African horse sickness has been practised for the last 12 months, an ELISA test carried out on two samples of blood taken with an interval of between 21 and 30 days on _____ <sup>(15)</sup> and _____ <sup>(15)</sup> , the second of which must be taken within 14 days of export either with negative reaction if it has not been vaccinated or with no increase in antibody titre if it has been vaccinated.
(ii)	<b>Equine infectious anaemia</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The immunodiffusion (Coggins) test on _____ <sup>(15)</sup> .
(iii)	<b>Equine influenza</b>	<p><b>During the 90 days immediately prior to export from its country/place of permanent or usual residency, but not within 14 days of export, the horse was administered:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> A certified primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks.  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A certified booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a certified primary course, or within 12 months of a certified booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course.
(iv)	<b>Equine piroplasmosis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No case of equine piroplasmosis has officially reported in the last 2 years in the country/place of export  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) on _____ <sup>(13)</sup> for <i>Theileria equi</i> and <i>Babesia caballi</i> .  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The horse is prioplasmosis positive to either <i>T. equi</i> and/or <i>B.caballi</i> and prior written approval for importation has been obtained from the Hong Kong SAR Government and their approval documentation is attached.

(v)	<b>West Nile / Kunjin virus infection</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> During the 30 days prior to export or whilst in the country/place of temporary residency*, the horse has not been present on any premises either within 100 kilometers of or within the country/place of temporary residency* where a clinical case of West Nile/Kunjin virus has been officially reported.  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The horse has undergone a certified primary course or a certified booster vaccination following a certified primary course against West Nile virus within the 12 months preceding export with a registered, inactivated vaccine according to the manufacturer's directions with the last dose administered not within 14 days of export.
(vi)	<b>Vesicular stomatitis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No case of vesicular stomatitis has officially reported in the country/place of export in the last 12 months.  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> During the 30 days prior to export or whilst in the country/place of temporary residency*, the horse has not been on any premises either within 50 kilometers of where a case of vesicular stomatitis has been officially confirmed  <b>AND</b> The horse was tested for vesicular stomatitis with negative result by the virus neutralization test (VNT) on _____ <sup>(15)</sup> .
(vii)	<b>Japanese encephalitis</b>	<p><b>Given that Japanese encephalitis is endemic in Hong Kong, it is recommended but not compulsory that horses entering Hong Kong are vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis but not within 14 days of shipment.</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> This horse has not been vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A certified primary course of approved vaccinations against Japanese encephalitis comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks within 12 months of shipment <sup>(12)</sup> .  <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A certified booster vaccination against Japanese encephalitis which was given within 12 months of a certified primary course, or within 12 months of a certified booster vaccination where it, and any other booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12 month period since the primary course <sup>(12)</sup> .

(d) **Additional testing and vaccination information after departure from the country of permanent/usual residency<sup>(12 & 13)</sup> (Fill in the information if required. Strike out the whole section if not applicable.)**

(i) Whilst in \_\_\_\_\_ (country/place of export), blood samples were taken from the horse, on the dates shown below and subjected to the following additional tests with negative results (unless otherwise stated) in each case,

\_\_\_\_\_ (test) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (test) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

(ii) Whilst in \_\_\_\_\_ (country/place of export), the horse received the following additional vaccination(s)<sup>(12)</sup>:

\_\_\_\_\_ (vaccine) \_\_\_\_\_ (batch no.) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (vaccine) \_\_\_\_\_ (batch no.) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

(iii) No vaccines have been administered to the horse within 14 days of export to Hong Kong .

(e) **Pregnancy:**

(i) In the case of a female horse, she is not pregnant.

(f) **External Parasite Examination and Treatment**

(i) The horse was thoroughly examined by either an official veterinary officer or a designated veterinarian. A systematic approach was undertaken with close examination of ears, false nostrils, under body areas (axilla, inguinal, under mandible), perineum, mane and tail.

**EITHER**

No ticks were found.

**OR**

Ticks were found and all horses in the premises were immediately treated with a parasiticide effective against ticks. Subsequent re-inspection established that ticks were no longer present. The Hong Kong SAR Government has been advised and has accepted the horse for temporary importation and their approval documentation is attached.

(ii) The horse was treated with a broad spectrum parasiticide, licensed/registered for use on horses, capable of killing ticks and used according to the manufacturer's recommendations within 48 hours prior to export.

**SECTION IX CERTIFICATION VALIDITY: This certification is valid for seven days.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_ Official Stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Official Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION X TRANSPORT INFORMATION [This section is to be certified either by the same official veterinarian who has certified the foregoing section or by an authorized transportation agent.]**

- (a) The vehicle for the transport of the horse to the port of exit was cleaned and disinfected with an officially approved disinfectant and was treated with an officially approved insecticide to my satisfaction immediately prior to the loading of the animal.
- (b) During the transportation, the horse had no contact with animals not of the same certified health status.

- (c) I am satisfied that the preparation for transport, and the disinfection of the compartment of the aircraft or vessel to be occupied by the horse and removable equipment, penning and containers, have met the recommendations of the latest edition of the OIE Animal Health Code and that the containers meet the design and species requirements recommendations of the International Air Transport Association.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Block Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION XI ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CONSIGNOR OR HIS AUTHORISED AGENT

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) hereby acknowledge the following:

- (a) In the event of the horse identified in SECTION I of this Horse Information Document, arriving in Hong Kong without the correct certification or in any other way not having met these requirements, the horse and any in-contact horse or thing may be detained in isolation, exported at the importer's expense or destroyed and disposed of at the importer's expense.
- (b) The horse must remain in a Government approved isolation premises, except during approved transport, training and competition until re-export.
- (c) The duration of stay in Hong Kong shall not exceed 30 days unless approved by the Hong Kong SAR Government.
- (d) Whilst in isolation in Hong Kong the horse may be subjected to any testing or any treatment prescribed by the Hong Kong SAR Government at the consignor's expense.
- (f) If the horse fails a test or shows signs of disease that horse and any in-contact horses may be, at the consignor's expense, detained in isolation for further testing and/or observation or exported or destroyed and disposed of without recompense.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours:

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**SECTION XII CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH STATUS MAINTENANCE AT JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (This section is only applicable to horses from the Republic of South Africa. Strike out the whole section if not applicable.)**

The undersigned officer of the South African Veterinary Administration certifies that during the stopover at Johannesburg International Airport of flight number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, the doors to the cargo hold containing horses remained closed at all times.

Issued at : \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name in print: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp:

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**SECTION XIII DECLARATION BY THE CAPTAIN (This section is only applicable to horses from the Republic of South Africa. Strike out the whole section if not applicable.)**

The undersigned captain of voyage/flight number \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ declares that:

- (a) The flight landed at Johannesburg International Airport
- (b) The interior of the aircraft was sprayed with an approved insecticide, immediately prior to departure from Johannesburg International Airport.

Issued at : \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Name in print: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Stamp:



## FOOTNOTES:

1. The language of the exporting/importing country(ies)/place(s) may also be used providing that it appears below the English version on the same certification. In the event of any differences, the English version will prevail.
2. Scheduled countries/places: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the Republic of Ireland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom (Great Britain & Northern Ireland) and the United States of America.
3. Competent Authority: The government authority of the country/place of export, which is responsible to issue official certification for the export of horse.
4. The consignor or his authorised agent must complete the acknowledgement (SECTION XI) attached to this Horse Information Document.
5. Permanent/Usual Residency : The horse has been continuously resident in the country/place of export for at least 60 days (or since birth if the horse is less than 3 months old) prior to the date of export.
6. Country name to be inserted in SECTION IV(b) prior to completion of this certification with entry and exit dates completed en route. Changes of itinerary will be certified as appropriate.
7. Certified copies may be photocopies of the original importation certification bearing the name, title, signature, date and official stamp of the official veterinarian issuing the onward certification. If copies of health certificates and/or laboratory reports are not available to the exporting country/place then the tests will be deemed to have not taken place and must be performed in the exporting country/place.
8. Clause not applicable to initial certification issued in country/place of permanent/usual residency.
9. If the country/place of export cannot be certified as being free of Surra, Equine Encephalomyelitis (all types) and Screw worm, whilst the horse is temporarily resident there, then the horse must be held in insect vector protected stables and treated with an effective insect vector repellent/insecticide on each occasion that it leaves the insect vector protected stables.
10. The examination must be carried out within 24 hours of the horse leaving the country/place.
11. An official African horse sickness free zone of a country/place, territory or part of a territory as designated by the OIE.
12. All serological tests and vaccinations must be carried out in accordance with the latest version of the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines if OIE standards exist. The laboratory reports (or certified copies) for tests carried out must be attached to this Horse Information Document and officially endorsed by the certifying veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations (certified entries in the horse's passport are sufficient) must also be attached.
13. Blood samples must be sent to a laboratory approved by the National Veterinary Service of the country/place, where the samples are taken.
14. If the samples were collected in the country/place of permanent/usual residency, the results can be used by the country/place of temporary residency while they are still valid.
15. Enter date the blood sample was collected.

## ANNEX I

### Additional Certification regarding Test for Equine Influenza for the Temporary Import of Horse to Hong Kong

Name :		Colour :	
Sex :	Age :	Breed :	
Accompanying Passport Number :			
Name and Address of Pre-Export Quarantine Facility :			

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Government veterinarian authorized by the competent veterinary authority<sup>(3)</sup> of the exporting country/place to certify horses for export, hereby declare that the following listed requirements are complied with fully.

A sample collected from the nasal passage of the horse during the 48 hours prior to departure in the exporting country/place was subjected to an antigen enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) test (or any other tests agreed by Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, HKAFCD) for influenza A with negative result<sup>#</sup>.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp:

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

Name of Official Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact details in event of an emergency outside normal working hours:

# If a positive result is detected in the test for influenza A, the other horses in the same residence will be unable to comply with the requirement under SECTION VI (c)(i) that "the horse was continuously resident on holdings under veterinary supervision in which none of the diseases listed below (including equine influenza) occurred during that time (the 30 days immediately preceding export from the country/place of permanent/usual residency or the entire period in the exporting country/place of temporary residency). HKAFCD should be informed immediately for further advice. Tel.: (852)2150-7058. Fax: (852) 2375-3563. Address: Room 502, 5/F, Import and Export Division, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, HONG KONG. Email : fopc3@afcd.gov.hk