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Import Health Requirements for Competition Horses and Returning Horses

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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL RULES

Article 1 (Objective) The objective of these import health requirements is, pursuant to Article 34.2 of the Livestock Epidemic Prevention and Control Act and Article 35 of the Enforcement Ordinance of the same Act, to stipulate conditions such as quarantine and animal health status with regards to horses temporarily imported into the Republic of Korea(Korea) to participate in inter national competition and to horses usually resident in Korea that are returning to Korea after taking part in international competitions.

Article 2 (Definitions) Definitions of terms used in these import health requirements are as follows:

1. “designated countries” mean Singapore, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong (including the Conghua Racecourse in Guangzhou Municipality, Guangdong Province, China and the Biosecurity Highway passage between the racecourse and Hong Kong), Ireland, the United Kingdom, France and the United States of America.
2. “competition horses” mean horses (including a training partner horse) temporarily exported from designated countries to Korea for the purpose of participating in international competitions, that are registered in the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) or International Federation of Horse racing Authorities(IFHA), staying in Korea for not more than 60 days.
3. “returning horses” mean horses that return to Korea after participating in international competition held in designated countries, that are registered in FEI or IFHA, staying in designated countries for not more than 90 days.
4. “premises” mean a place where competition horses or returning horses stayed within designated countries controlled by the competent authority of a designated country.

CHAPTER 2. QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION HORSES

Article 3 (Condition for the stay) Competition horses shall stay in more than one of the designated countries for at least 60 days prior to export to Korea.

Article 4 (Conditions for animal disease) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the designated country, dourine, glanders, African horse sickness, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis and equine encephalitis (Eastern and Western) shall be compulsorily notifiable.

Designated countries shall be free of dourine, glanders, African horse sickness and Venezuelan

equine encephalomyelitis for at least 2 years prior to export of competition horses.

Designated countries shall be free of equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) for at least 2 years prior to export. Or competition horses shall be subjected to haemagglutination inhibition test or complement fixation test for equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) with negative result on a sample taken within 30 days prior to export. Or competition horses shall be regularly vaccinated with inactivated vaccine against equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western).

Any premises on which competition horses resided during 60 days prior to export shall be free of strangles, rabies, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, anthrax, equine influenza and vesicular stomatitis for at least 60 days prior to export.

Any premises on which competition horses resided during 60 days prior to export shall be free of West Nile fever for at least 60 days prior to export. Or competition horses shall be subjected to an Ig-M capture ELISA test for the detection of antibodies against West Nile virus with negative result carried out on a blood sample taken within 30 days prior to export. Or competition horses shall be tested with negative result in an Ig-G capture ELISA test for West Nile fever, at a serum dilution of 1 in 100, or in a plaque-reduction neutralisation test carried out on a sample taken within 30 days prior to export. Or competition horses shall have received a complete primary course of vaccination against West Nile fever and has been regularly revaccinated with a vaccine approved by the competent authority in the country of export.

Any premises on which competition horses resided during 60 days prior to export shall be free of equine viral arteritis for at least 60 days prior to export. Or competition horses shall be subjected to a serum neutralisation test for equine viral arteritis with negative result at a serum dilution of 1 in 4 on a sample taken within 30 days prior to export. Or competition horses shall be subjected to serum neutralisation tests for equine viral arteritis carried out with a less than fourfold increase in titres measured in samples taken on two occasions within 30 days prior to export at least 14 days apart.

Any premises on which competition horses resided during 60 days prior to export shall be free of equine infectious anaemia for at least 60 days prior to export and competition horses shall be subjected to either an agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test or ELISA against equine infectious anaemia with negative result carried out on a sample taken within 30 days prior to export.

Any premises on which competition horses resided during 60 days prior to export shall be free of equine piroplasmosis (*Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi*) for at least 60 days prior to export and competition horses shall be subjected to an indirect fluorescent antibody test or C-ELISA test against equine piroplasmosis with negative result using a sample taken within 30 days of export.

Article 5 (Clinical inspection) Competition horses shall be examined within 48 hours of export by an veterinary officer of the competent authority of the designated country or a competent authority approved veterinarian, and be found clinically healthy and free from external parasites and any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

Article 6 (Health certificate) An veterinary officer of a designated country shall issue a health certificate

prior to shipment, written in Korean or in English, indicating the following items.

1. Microchip number, tattoo number or other identification, name, sex, and age of competition horses;
2. Statements provided in Articles 3, 4 and 5;
3. Provided that the horse was vaccinated pursuant to Article 4, name of the vaccine and the date of vaccination;
4. Provided that the horse was subjected to laboratory test according to Article 4, name of the disease, the test method, result and name of the laboratory that performed the test;
5. Name and address of premises where the competition horse stayed, and the duration of the stay;
6. Title, date and place of event the competition horse participate in;
7. Name of the vessel or the aircraft, the date of shipment and the place of shipment;
8. Name and address of the consignor and the consignee; and
9. Issuance date of health certificate, place of issuance, name of an issuing organization, the issuing veterinarian's position, name and signature.

In case that the competition horses are transit another designated country according to the Article 11-2.1, the health certificate shall be accompanied with a health certificate issued by an veterinary officer of the transit designated country that prove the Article 11-2.

CHAPTER 3. QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNING HORSES

Article 7 (Condition for the Stay) Returning horses shall stay in the designated country for 90 days or less to be subject to these import health requirements.

Article 8 (Conditions for animal disease) Pursuant to rules and regulations of the designated country, dourine, glanders, African horse sickness, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis and equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) shall be compulsorily notifiable.

Any premises on which returning horses resided during the stay in the designated country shall be free of dourine, glanders, African horse sickness, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, vesicular stomatitis, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western), equine infectious anaemia, equine piroplasmosis (*Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi*), strangles, rabies, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, anthrax, West Nile fever, equine viral arteritis and equine influenza, for at least 60 days prior to return.

During the stay in the designated country, returning horse shall be treated with a long-acting insecticide approved by the competent authority in a designated country.

During the stay in the designated country, returning horse shall not be in contact with equidae suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or any horses other than the same health status except for during the training and racing under official supervision.

Returning horses shall be examined within 48 hours of export by an veterinary officer of the competent authority of a designated country or a competent authority approved veterinarian, and be

found clinically healthy and free from external parasites and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

Article 9 (Health certificate) An veterinary officer of the designated country shall issue a health certificate prior shipment, written in Korean or in English, indicating the following items.

1. Microchip number, tattoo number or other identification, name, sex, and age of competition horse;
2. Statements provided in Article 8;
3. Name and address of premises where returning horse stayed, and the duration of the stay;
4. Name of the vessel or the aircraft, the date of shipment and the place of shipment;
5. Name and address of the consignor and the consignee; and
6. Issuance date of health certificate, place of issuance, name of an issuing organization, the issuing veterinarian's position, name and signature.

In case that the returning horses are transit another designated country according to the Article 11-2.1, the health certificate shall be accompanied with a health certificate issued by an veterinary officer of the transit designated country that prove the Article 11-2.

CHAPTER 4. OTHER MATTERS

Article 10 (Hay, bedding and etc.) During the time competition horses or returning horses are transported on board the ship or aircraft, no feed or bedding from other countries shall be provided.

Article 11 (Transportation) During the time competition horses or returning horses are transported on board the ship or aircraft, horses of less health status shall not be carried in the same ship or aircraft.

Article 12 (Disinfection) Crates, vehicles, and loading spaces of vessels and aircraft that are used in transportation of competition horses or returning horses shall be cleaned before use and disinfected using disinfectants approved by the competent authority of a designated country.

Article 12-2 (Transit) In case that competition horses or returning horses are transit another designated country (herein after referred to as 'transit country') either for change of transportation or for health management while they are transported between one designated country and the Republic of Korea, the horses shall stay no longer than 48 hours in the transit country.

In the case that competition horses or returning horses stayed in the transit country pursuant to paragraph 1, an veterinary officer of the transit country shall certify the requirements each of the following sub-paragraphs.

- a. Any premises on which competition horses or returning horses resided during the stay in the transit country were free of dourine, glanders, African horse sickness, Venezuelan equine encephalitis, equine encephalitis (Eastern and Western), vesicular stomatitis, equine infectious anemia, Equine piroplasmosis (*Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi*), equine strangles, Rabies, Surra, Epizootic lymphangitis, Hendra virus infection, Nipah virus infection, Anthrax, West Nile fever, Equine viral arteritis and Equine influenza.

b. During the stay in the transit country, competition horses or returning horses did not have contact with equidae suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or any horses of a lower health status.

Article 13 (Import Quarantine) Competition horses imported in compliance with these import health requirements shall not receive laboratory tests upon their arrival to Korea, and the import quarantine shall be terminated when no problems are found after 48-hour clinical inspection.

Article 14 (Rejection) The Korean Government may return or dispose of competition horses or returning horses when non-compliance with these requirements and/or infectious disease are identified during its import quarantine inspection on competition horses or returning horses.

Article 10 (Review deadline) The Minister of MAFRA must take actions such as making improvements by reviewing the validity of this notice at the time marking an interval of three years starting July 1, 2017 (meaning until June 30 in the third year) according to the Regulation for Issuance and Management of Rules and Instructions.

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This notification shall be effective from the date of notification.