



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES,
VETERINARY AND LIVESTOCK SERVICES DIVISION
CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO ST. LUCIA

1. Horses must be accompanied by an Import Permit obtained from the Veterinary Authorities in St. Lucia before importation.
2. Horses must be accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by the Veterinary Authority of Exporting Country, stating that:
 - a. The country has been free from Foot and Mouth Disease for a period of at least twelve (12) months immediately prior to the date of exportation of the horse.
 - b. During the six (6) months prior to exportation.
 - i. Horses have not been in a country in which African Horse Sickness has occurred or where vaccination against the disease has been practiced for the past two (2) years. Country of Origin is free of African Horse Sickness.
 - ii. Horses have not been in a country where Western Equine Encephalitis, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Japanese Equine Encephalitis, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis or Borna Disease have occurred during the past two (2) years nor has there been any case of these diseases (or other equine encephalitides) in the exporting country. In addition horses did not show any signs of equine encephalitides on the day of exportation and during three months prior. Horses have not been vaccinated against these diseases.
 - iii. There have been no cases of Rabies on the premises from which the horses originated, or at any place within fifteen (15) miles of these premises.
 - c. In so far as it has been possible to ascertain, no case of Vesicular Stomatitis, Dourine (Mal de Coit), Mal de Caderas, Glanders (Farcy), Epizootic Lymphangitis, Ulcerative Lymphangitis, Equine Influenza, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Contagious Equine Metritis, Equine Infectious Anaemia, Equine Viral Arteritis, Mange or any other notifiable disease of equines, has occurred on the premises from which the horses originated, or at any place within 15 miles there from, during the 60 days immediately prior to the date of exportation.
 - d. Horses have not been vaccinated against Equine Viral Arteritis
 - e. Horses have been vaccinated against Equine Rhinopneumonitis and Equine Influenza (A1 and A2) on two (2) occasions at the approved intervals within the ninety (90) days prior to exportation.
 - f. Horses have been swabbed on three (3) occasions at intervals of seven (7) days for Contagious Equine Metritis and have been tested negative on each occasion. Tests must be done at a laboratory approved by Racing Commission or Jockey Club.
 - g. Horses have tested negative by Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anaemia thirty (30) days prior to export.

- h. Horses have been treated with an acaricide and dewormed within three (3) days of exportation.
 - i. Horses have been examined within 48 hours of exportation by Veterinarians attached to the local or state government, and are determined to be healthy, in good physical condition and free from signs of infectious and or contagious diseases.
 - j. Horses were born and raised in the exporting country and have never left that country or have been resident in that country for the past six months.
3. Horses must also be accompanied by a signed declaration by owner, trainer and representative of Jockey Club stating that horses have not been used for breeding and have been kept at stables where no breeding is carried out.
 4. Horses must be imported directly from the exporting country in a clean container that has been disinfected with a disinfectant approved for that purpose by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country and without coming into contact with other equines not similarly certified.
 5. Test results, declaration, Health Certificate and Inoculation certificate must be provided for scrutiny by this office prior to the issue of Veterinary Import Permit.
 6. Forty eight hours notice of arrival must be given to the Veterinary and Livestock Services Division of The Ministry of Agriculture of St. Lucia.

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AN IMPORT PERMIT

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Chief Veterinary Officer

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