

COMMISSION DECISION**of 18 July 2001****amending Decision 93/195/EEC on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export***(notified under document number C(2001) 1953)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2001/610/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and import from third countries of equidae ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 2001/298/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 19(ii) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Commission Decision 93/195/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2001/144/EC ⁽⁴⁾, the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export is restricted to horses kept for less than 30 days in any of the non-member countries listed in the same group in Annex II to that Decision.
- (2) In order to make it easier for race horses originating in the Community to take part in International Group/Grade meetings in non-member countries listed in different groups, notably Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore or United Arab Emirates, that period should be extended to less than 90 days and the restriction to countries of the same group should be withdrawn for race horses participating in such meetings.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/195/EEC is amended as follows:

1. An indent is added to Article 1 as follows:
 - have taken part in International Group/Grade meetings in Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore or the United Arab Emirates and meet the requirements laid down in a health certificate in accordance with the model set out in Annex VIII to this Decision.'
2. The Annex to this Decision is added as Annex VIII.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 July 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 42.⁽²⁾ OJ L 102, 12.4.2001, p. 63.⁽³⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 1.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 53, 23.2.2001, p. 23.

ANNEX

'ANNEX VIII

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for re-entry of registered horses that have taken part in International Group/Grade meetings in Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore or the United Arab Emirates after temporary export for less than 90 days

Certificate No:

Exporting non-member country: AUSTRALIA ⁽¹⁾, CANADA ⁽¹⁾, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ⁽¹⁾, HONG KONG ⁽¹⁾, JAPAN ⁽¹⁾, SINGAPORE ⁽¹⁾, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ⁽¹⁾

Responsible ministry: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

I. Identification of horse

(a) No of identification document:

(b) Validated by:
(name of competent authority)

II. Origin of horse

The horse is to be sent from:
(place whence consigned)

to:
(place of destination)

by air:
(give flight number)

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

III. Health information

I, the undersigned, certify that the horse described above meets the following requirements:

- (a) it comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis), equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, anthrax;
- (b) it has been examined today and shows no clinical sign of disease ⁽²⁾;
- (c) it is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- (d) since its entry into the country of dispatch, it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision, accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equidae of lower health status except during racing;
- (e) it comes from the territory or in case of official regionalisation according to Community from a part of the territory of a non-member country in which:
 - (i) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred in the last two years;
 - (ii) dourine has not occurred in the last six months;
 - (iii) glanders has not occurred in the last six months;

- (f) it does not come from the territory or from a part of the territory of a non-member country considered, in accordance with Community legislation, as infected with African horse sickness;
- (g) it does not come from a holding which was subject to a prohibition order for animal health reasons nor had contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to prohibition order for animal health reasons which laid down the following conditions:
 - (i) if not all animals of species susceptible to one or more of the diseases referred to hereinafter located on the holding were removed, the prohibition lasted for:
 - six months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered,
 - a period required to carry out with negative result two Coggins tests three months apart on samples taken from the animals remaining after infected animals have been slaughtered, in the case of equine infectious anaemia,
 - six months in case of vesicular stomatitis,
 - six months in the case of equine viral arteritis,
 - one month from the last recorded case, in the case of rabies,
 - 15 days from the last recorded case, in the case of anthrax;
 - (ii) if all the animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered or removed and the premises disinfected, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, beginning on the day on which the animals were destroyed or removed and the premises disinfected, except in the case of anthrax, where the period of prohibition is 15 days;
- (h) to the best of my knowledge, it has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the 15 days prior to this declaration.

IV. Residence and quarantine information

- (a) The horse entered the territory of the country of dispatch on (insert date) .
- (b) The horse arrived in the country of dispatch from either a Member State of the European Community ⁽¹⁾ or from ⁽¹⁾ (insert name of country from where the horse arrived into the country of export), the latter being one of the countries listed above.
- (c) The horse entered the country of dispatch under animal health conditions at least as strict as those laid down in this certificate.
- (d) As far as can be ascertained and based on the attached declaration of the owner of the horse, or his representative ⁽¹⁾, which is part of the certificate, the horse has not been continuously outside the European Community for more than 90 days, the date of scheduled return in accordance with this certificate included, and has not been outside the countries listed above.

V. The horse will be sent in a vehicle cleaned and disinfected in advance with a disinfectant officially recognised in the country of dispatch and designed in a way that droppings, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

VI. The certificate is valid for 10 days.

Date	Place	Stamp and signature of the official veterinarian ⁽²⁾

Name in block capitals and capacity.

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned
(insert name of owner ⁽¹⁾ or representative ⁽¹⁾ of owner of the horse described above in block letters)

declare that:

- the horse will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status;
- the horse is moved only between premises approved for horses participating in Group/Grade meetings in Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore or the United Arab Emirates;
- the horse was exported from a Member State of the European Union on (insert date).

.....
(Place, date)

.....
(Signature)

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate

⁽²⁾ The certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the horse for dispatch to the place of destination or on the last working day before embarkation.

⁽³⁾ The colour of the stamp and the signature must be different to that of the printing.