

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 November 2005

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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2005/771/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⁾, and in particular Article 19(ii) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with the general rules laid down in Annex II to Commission Decision 93/195/EEC ⁽²⁾, 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 third countries listed in the same group in Annex I to that Decision.
- (2) Registered horses participating in the Olympic Games, in preparatory test events for the latter and in the Paralympics will be subject to the veterinary supervision of the competent authorities of the host third country and the organising body, the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI).
- (3) Given the degree of veterinary supervision and the fact that the horses concerned are kept separate from animals of lower health status, the period of temporary export should be extended to less than 90 days and the animal health conditions and the veterinary certification should accordingly be laid down for the re-entry of registered horses after temporary export to participate in equestrian events for the Olympic Games, including preparatory test events, and the Paralympics.

(4) Decision 93/195/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/195/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, the following indent is added:

- ‘— have taken part in equestrian events for the Olympic Games, the preparatory test events or the Paralympics and meet the requirements laid down in a health certificate in accordance with the model health certificate set out in Annex IX to this Decision.’

2. The text in the Annex to this Decision is added as Annex IX.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 2005.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 42. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/68/EC (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 320).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 1. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/605/EC (OJ L 206, 9.8.2005, p. 16).

ANNEX

ANNEX IX

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for re-entry of registered horses after temporary export for less than 90 days to participate in equestrian events for the Olympic Games, preparatory test events for the latter or the Paralympics

Certificate No:

Specific event:	Test event in preparation for the Olympic Games in (1)
	Olympic Games in (1)
	Paralympics in (1)

Exporting third country:
(insert name of country)

Responsible ministry:
(insert name of Ministry)

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 (1):
(provide flight number)

by road transport (1):
(provide licence plate 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:

- 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;
- it has been examined today and shows no clinical signs of disease (2);
- it is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
- 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 the competitions;

- (e) it comes from the territory or, in the case of official regionalisation according to Community legislation, from a part of the territory of a third country in which:
- (i) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the last two years,
 - (ii) dourine has not occurred during the last six months,
 - (iii) glanders has not occurred during the last six months;
- (f) it does not come from the territory or from a part of the territory of a third country considered, in accordance with Community legislation, as infected with African horse sickness;
- (g) it neither comes from a holding which was/has been subject to a prohibition order for animal health reasons nor has had contact with equidae from a holding which was/has been subject to a 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 were removed from the holding, the prohibition lasted for:
 - six months in the case of vesicular stomatitis,
 - six months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered or removed from the premises,
 - a period required to carry out two Coggins tests three months apart giving negative results on samples taken from the animals remaining after infected animals have been slaughtered, in the case of equine infectious anaemia,
 - 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 have been slaughtered or removed from the holding, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, or 15 days in the case of anthrax, beginning on the day on which the premises were cleaned and disinfected following the destruction or removal of the animals.
- (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 Union⁽¹⁾ or from⁽¹⁾ (*insert name of country from where the horse arrived in the country of export*), the latter being one of the countries listed in the same sanitary group in Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC.
- (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 (which forms part of the certificate) by the owner⁽¹⁾ or the representative of the owner⁽¹⁾ of the horse, the horse has not been continuously outside the European Union for 90 days or more, including the date of scheduled return in accordance with this certificate, and has not been outside the countries referred to 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 ⁽³⁾
Name in block capitals and capacity:		

DECLARATION

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

declare:

- 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 will be moved only between premises under the supervision of central competent authorities of the country of dispatch,
- 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 animal for dispatch to the European Union or on the last working day before embarkation.

⁽³⁾ The colour of the stamp and the signature must be different from that of the printed model.