

Council Directive 2009/156/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing the movement and importation from third countries of equidae (codified version) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This Directive lays down animal health conditions for the movement between Member States and importation from third countries of live equidae.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'holding' means an agricultural or training establishment, a stable or, generally speaking, any premises or facilities in which equidae are habitually kept or bred, for whatever use;
- (b) 'equidae' means wild or domesticated animals of the equine (including zebras) or asinine species or the offspring of crossings of those species;
- (c) 'registered equidae' means any equidae registered as defined in Council Directive 90/427/EEC of 26 June 1990 on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions governing intra-Community trade in equidae⁽¹⁾, identified by means of an identification document issued by:
 - (i) the breeding authority or any other competent authority of the country where the animal originated which manages the studbook or register for that breed of animal; or
 - (ii) any international association or organisation which manages horses for competition or racing;
- (d) 'equidae for slaughter' means equidae intended to be transported either directly or after transit through an approved marshalling centre, referred to in Article 7, to the slaughterhouse for slaughter;
- (e) 'equidae for breeding and production' means equidae other than those mentioned in (c) and (d);
- (f) 'Member State or third country free from African horse sickness' means any Member State or third country in which there has been no clinical, serological (in unvaccinated equidae) or epidemiological evidence of African horse sickness on the territory concerned in the previous two years and in which there have been no vaccinations against the disease during the previous 12 months;
- (g) 'compulsorily notifiable diseases' means the diseases listed in Annex I;
- (h) 'official veterinarian' means the veterinarian designated by the competent central authority of a Member State or of a third country;

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- (i) ‘temporary admission’ means the status of registered equidae originating in a third country and admitted into Community territory for a period of less than 90 days to be fixed in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 21(2), depending on the health situation in the country of origin.

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(1) [OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 55.](#)