

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 of 12 April
2018 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae
and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae (Text with EEA relevance)

SECTION 1

Subject matter, scope and definitions

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This Regulation establishes the list of third countries and parts of the territory of third countries from which the entry into the Union of consignments of equidae and of their semen, ova and embryos is authorised.

It also lays down the animal health and veterinary certification requirements applicable to those consignments.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) 'regionalisation'	means the official recognition of a part of the territory of a third country with precise geographical delimitations, containing an equidae subpopulation with a distinct health status with respect to one or more specific diseases and subject to appropriate surveillance, disease control and biosecurity measures;
(b) 'identification document'	means any document which may be used to prove the identity of an equine animal and which includes at least the following information: (i) a narrative describing the animal and recording its marks depicted in a completed outline diagram;
a Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation) (OJ L 59, 3.3.2015, p. 1).	
b Council Directive 90/427/EEC of 26 June 1990 on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions governing intra-Community trade in equidae (OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 55).	
c Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9).	
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	(ii) a reference to specific marks, characteristics or identifiers which establish an unambiguous link between the animal and the document;
	(iii) the information set out in points 1, 2, 3 and 6 to 10 of Part A and in points 12 to 18 in Part B of Section 1 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 ^a ;
(c) 'registered horse'	means an animal of the species <i>Equus caballus</i> registered as defined in Council Directive 90/427/EEC ^b , identified by means of an identification document issued by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) 'entry'	means the action of moving equidae or their semen, ova or embryos into one of the territories listed in Annex I to Council Directive 97/78/EC ^c ;
(e) 'type of entry'	means respectively the temporary admission, the re-entry after temporary export, imports and transit;
(f) 'temporary admission'	means the status of a registered horse originating in a third country and moved into the Union territory for a period of less than 90 days;
(g) 'temporary export'	means the movement of a registered horse out of the Union for a period of less than 90 days;
(h) 're-entry'	means the movement of a registered horse from a third country into the Union after temporary export from the Union;

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(i)	‘imports’	means the movement of a consignment of equidae or their semen, ova or embryos into the Union for an undetermined period;
(j)	‘transit’	means the movement of a consignment of equidae across Union territory by road, rail or waterway transport from one third country to another or from one part of the territory of a third country to another part of the territory of the same third country;
(k)	‘border inspection post’	means any inspection post as defined in Article 2(2)(f) of Directive 91/496/EEC and Article 2(2)(g) of Directive 97/78/EC and approved for the commodity concerned in accordance with Decision 2009/821/EC;
(l)	‘category of equidae’	means respectively registered equidae, equidae for slaughter and equidae for breeding and production as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2009/156/EC, and registered horses;
(m)	‘ova’	means the haploid stages of the ootidogenesis including secondary oocytes and ova;
(n)	‘operator’	means any natural or legal person subject to one or more of the rules provided for in this Regulation who has equidae or their germinal products under its responsibility;
(o)	‘isolation’	means the separation for a specified period of equidae from other animals to prevent the transmission through direct or indirect contact of specified pathogen(s), while the equidae are undergoing observation and, if appropriate, testing and treatment under the supervision of the veterinary authority;
(p)	‘quarantine’	means the isolation of equidae on premises operated in accordance with
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		specific biosecurity rules under the control of the veterinary authority;
(q)	‘vector-protected quarantine’	<p>means the quarantine of equidae which</p> <p>(i) is carried out on dedicated premises that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — screened against the intrusion of relevant vectors, — included in a system of vector surveillance within the premises and of measures to limit the presence of relevant vectors around the premises; <p>(ii) may include exercise of the quarantined animal under official supervision during the vector-low period of the day and subject to application of insecticides and insect repellents and where possible body-coverage;</p>
(r)	‘vector-proof quarantine’	<p>means the quarantine of equidae in a sealed building which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — furnished with positive pressure ventilation and filtered air inlets, — is only accessible through a double door entry-exit system^d, — in which a vector surveillance system is operated, — where Standard Operating Procedures, including description of back-up and alarm systems, are implemented for the operation of the quarantine and the transport of equidae to the place of loading,
(s)	‘TRACES’	means the integrated computerised veterinary system provided for in Decisions 2003/24/EC and 2004/292/EC.

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