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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 7

***Specific animal health and certification requirements
for entry into the Union of consignments of equidae***

Article 16

**Measures to be taken by the competent authorities to ensure
traceability of a registered horse admitted temporarily**

- 1 Provided compliance with the entry conditions has been established, the competent authority at the border inspection post of entry shall:
 - a retain a copy of the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a);
 - b inform, through TRACES, the relevant competent authority or border inspection post of exit, as appropriate, of the entry of a temporarily admitted registered horse, as follows:
 - (i) the competent authority of the place of destination indicated in Box I.6 of the common veterinary entry document ('CVED') set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 282/2004;
 - (ii) the border inspection post of exit declared in the declaration by the owner or the representative of the owner of the registered horse accompanying the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a) by completing Box I.24 of the CVED;
 - (iii) the competent authorities responsible for the places of temporary residence indicated in the declaration by the owner or the representative of the owner of the registered horse accompanying the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a);
 - c deliver at least one copy of the CVED to the operator identified as 'operator responsible for the consignment' in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in paragraph 1(b).
- 2 Where a registered horse is to be moved from one Member State to another Member State during its temporary admission, the competent authority of the place of dispatch shall:
 - a provided the animal health conditions of Articles 4 and 5 of Directive 2009/156/EC are fulfilled, issue a health certificate in accordance with Annex III to Directive 2009/156/EC either for an individual registered horse or for a consignment of registered horses of the same origin and with the same destination, and enter in Box I.6 of that certificate a reference to the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a) of each temporarily admitted registered horse forming the consignment and a reference to the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b);
 - b inform, through TRACES, the competent authority at the place of destination, of the movement of a registered horse to that Member State, and request the verification of arrival by completing a further Part III of the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b);

- c deliver to the operator, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b), a new print of the CVED displaying the Part III added in accordance with point (b) of this paragraph;
- d invalidate or withdraw any print of the CVED delivered to the operator in accordance with paragraph 1(c), or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, in accordance with point (c) of this paragraph.

3 The competent authority of the place of destination referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b) and in paragraph 2(b) shall acknowledge through TRACES the arrival of the registered horse and document the checks carried out by completing Part III of the CVED.

4 At the end of the temporary admission, the competent authority referred to in points (i) or (iii) of paragraph 1(b) which certifies the temporarily admitted registered horse to the third country of origin or to another third country, shall:

- a inform, through TRACES, the border inspection post of exit of the departure of the temporarily admitted registered horse from the Union, by completing a further Part III of the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b);
- b deliver to the operator, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b), a new print of the CVED displaying the Part III added in accordance with point (a) of this paragraph;
- c where the border inspection post of exit is situated in another Member State,
 - (i) issue, in accordance with Decision 93/444/EEC, a certificate in accordance with Annex III to Directive 2009/156/EC either for an individual registered horse or for a consignment of registered horses of the same origin and with the same destination;
 - (ii) enter in Box I.6 of the certificate referred to in point (i) a reference to the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a) of each temporarily admitted registered horse forming the consignment and a reference to the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b).

5 The border inspection post of exit referred to in point (a) of paragraph 4 shall document the termination of the temporary admission of the registered horse by completing Part III of the CVED accordingly.

6 Where the temporary admission of a registered horse has not been terminated in accordance with paragraph 5 within a period of less than 90 days following the date of issue of the CVED referred to in point (i) of paragraph 1(b), an alert is sent automatically through TRACES to the border inspection post of entry and the competent authorities referred to in this Article until those competent authorities have determined the status of the registered horse.

Article 17

Operator responsibilities for temporarily admitted registered horses

1 The operator responsible for a registered horse temporarily admitted into the Union, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b), shall ensure that the following conditions are met:

- a the registered horse shall at all times during its temporary admission be accompanied by its original health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a) and by the CVED issued by the border inspection post of entry into the Union;

- b the registered horse shall remain in the respective Member State and on the premises stated in the declaration accompanying the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a);
 - c where the registered horse is to be moved to another Member State, it shall be accompanied by a health certificate in accordance with Annex III to Directive 2009/156/EC and the modified CVED delivered by the competent authority in accordance with Article 16(2);
 - d any former prints of the CVED are surrendered to the competent authority for invalidation or withdrawal;
 - e the registered horse shall leave the Union through a border inspection post indicated in the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a) not later than 89 days following the date of entry into the Union indicated on the corresponding CVED.
- 2 The operator referred to in paragraph 1 shall remain responsible for the movement of the registered horse during its temporary admission in the Union, and in particular shall inform:
- a the competent authority referred to in points (i) and (iii) of Article 16(1)(b) regarding any changes to be made to the movements stated in the declaration accompanying the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a);
 - b the border inspection post of exit regarding the date when the temporarily admitted registered horse is to depart from the Union;
 - c the competent authority referred to in points (i) and (iii) of Article 16(1)(b) responsible for the holding regarding the death or loss of the registered horse or any emergency, such as health conditions, requiring veterinary attention beyond the 89 days of temporary admission.

Article 18

Re-entry after temporary export of registered horses temporarily admitted into the Union

1 Registered horses temporarily admitted into the Union may be authorised for re-entry after temporary export to a third country or part of the territory of a third country authorised for the re-entry of registered horses to take part in specific races, competitions or cultural events for which model health certificates for re-entry into the Union are laid down in accordance with Article 20(3), provided that the re-entry into the Union takes place within a period of less than 90 days following the date of issuing of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b).

2 In order to allow the re-entry of a registered horse referred to in paragraph 1, the competent authority referred to in points (i) and (iii) of Article 16(1)(b) issuing the certificate for the temporary export shall:

- a apply the measures provided for in points (a), (b) and, where applicable, (c) of Article 16(4);
- b inform, through TRACES, the border inspection post of scheduled re-entry by completing Part III of the CVED;
- c deliver to the operator as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b), a new print of the CVED displaying the Part III added in accordance with point (b) of this paragraph;
- d invalidate or withdraw any print of the CVED delivered in accordance with Article 16(1)(c) or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, in accordance with Article 16(2)(c).

3 The border inspection post of re-entry shall:

- a retain the original of the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(c);
- b inform, through TRACES, of the re-entry of the registered horse:
 - (i) the competent authority of the place of destination, as declared in the declaration accompanying the health certificate referred to in Article 16(1)(a), or as modified in accordance with Article 17(2)(a);
 - (ii) the border inspection post of exit, as declared in the declaration accompanying the health certificate referred to in Article 16(1)(a), or as modified in accordance with Article 17(2)(a), by completing Box I.24 of the CVED referred to in point (d);
- c request the competent authority of the place of destination to verify and, where appropriate, to confirm the arrival of the registered horse by completing Box I.6 of the CVED referred to in point (d);
- d deliver to the operator a print of a new CVED in which Box II.1 is completed with a reference to the number of the CVED delivered previously in accordance with Article 16(1)(c) or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, in accordance with Article 16(2)(c), and in which Box II.14 is completed within the deadline for leaving the Union indicated in the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b);
- e invalidate or withdraw any print of the CVED delivered to the operator in accordance with Article 16(1)(c) or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, in accordance with Article 16(2)(c).

4 Following the re-entry after temporary export of a temporarily admitted registered horse in accordance with paragraph 1, the rules laid down in Article 16 apply for the remaining period of less than 90 days following the date of issuing of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b).

Article 19

Conversion of temporary admission into permanent entry and death or loss of a registered horse

1 Where the operator, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b), submits an application to the competent authority referred to in point (i) or (iii) of Article 16(1)(b) or in Article 16(2)(b), to convert the temporary admission of a registered horse into a permanent entry, a Member State may authorise that conversion provided that the following requirements are met:

- a in accordance with Annex I, imports of registered horses are authorised from the third country or part of the territory of the third country concerned;
- b the competent authority responsible for the place of temporary residence has complied with the following conditions:
 - (i) that competent authority has carried out with satisfactory results the checks necessary to verify compliance with the test and vaccination requirements for imports of registered horses from the third country or part of the territory of the third country concerned set out in Part 3 of Annex II;
 - (ii) that competent authority has ensured that the registered horse remained under official veterinary supervision in that Member State until 3 months have elapsed from the date of its entry into the Union indicated on the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b).

2 The competent authority referred to in paragraph 1, or a border inspection post designated for this task by the Member State, shall:

- a terminate the temporary admission in TRACES by choosing ‘Conversion into permanent entry’ in Part III of the CVED delivered to the operator in accordance with either Article 16(1)(c), or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, with Article 16(2)(c) or, if there had been a previous re-entry after temporary export, with Article 18(3)(c);
- b deliver to the operator identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b), a new print of the CVED referred to in point (a), or a new CVED, in which ‘For internal market’ is checked in Box I.21;
- c invalidate or withdraw any print of the CVED delivered to the operator in accordance with either Article 16(1)(c), or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, with Article 16(2)(c) or, if there had been a previous re-entry after temporary export, with Article 18(3)(c);
- d invalidate or withdraw the original of the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(a).

3 During the period of conversion, the operator, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED issued in accordance with point (i) of Article 16(1)(b) or Article 18(3)(b) of the registered horse shall take the following measures:

- a arrange regular visits carried out and recorded by a veterinarian to check the registered horse for clinical signs of possible infectious diseases;
- b keep records on the movement of the registered horse and on movements of equidae on and off the holding where it is kept;
- c complete the customs procedures, as referred to in Article 15 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262;
- d make an application in accordance with Article 15(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 for the issuing of an identification document or the adaptation of an existing identification document.

4 In the case of death or loss of a registered horse temporarily admitted into the Union, the competent authority of the place of death or loss, where required by the Member State concerned in close collaboration with a border inspection post, shall:

- a terminate the temporary admission in TRACES by choosing ‘Death/Loss’ in Part III of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b) or Article 18(3)(b);
- b invalidate or withdraw any print of the CVED delivered to the operator in accordance with either Article 16(1)(c), or, if there had been a previous movement to another Member State, with Article 16(2)(c) or, if there had been a previous re-entry after temporary export, with Article 18(3)(c).

Article 20

Specific animal health conditions regarding the re-entry of registered horses after temporary export for races, competition and cultural events

1 Member States shall authorise the re-entry of registered horses subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- a the registered horse has remained outside the Union for not more than 30 days, unless specifically provided for in paragraph 3;
- b the registered horse has neither been resident in nor transited on land through any third country or part of the territory of a third country that is not assigned to the same sanitary group as the third country or part of the territory of a third country in which the health

certificate in accordance with Section A of Part 2 of Annex II has been signed by the official veterinarian;

- c the health certificate for temporary export signed by the official veterinarian in the Member State of origin, or an authorised copy thereof, is presented on request of the border inspection post of re-entry into the Union.

2 The competent authority certifying a registered horse for temporary export to a third country shall ensure that in application of Article 2(1) of Decision 93/444/EEC the registered horse is accompanied until the exit point in another Member State by a health certificate in accordance with Annex III to Directive 2009/156/EC.

3 The re-entry after temporary export for a period of more than 30 days of registered horses taking part in specific races, competitions or cultural events is subject to specific animal health requirements as contained in the corresponding model health certificates provided for Section B of Part 2 of Annex II in respect of the relevant event.

4 The operator, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED, responsible for the consignment shall ensure that during the temporary export the registered horse neither has been resident in nor has transited on land through any third country or part of the territory of a third country that is not assigned to the same sanitary group as the third country or part of the territory of a third country in which the health certificate in accordance with Section A of Part 2 of Annex II has been signed by the official veterinarian.

Article 21

Specific animal health conditions regarding imports of equidae for slaughter

The operator, as identified in Box I.7 of the CVED referred to in point (i) of Article 16(1)(b), of a consignment of equidae for slaughter shall ensure that after the checks carried out at the border inspection post of entry into the Union, the animals:

- (a) are either conveyed directly, without delay and without coming into contact with equidae of a different health status, to the slaughterhouse of destination where they shall be slaughtered within 72 hours of arrival at the slaughterhouse; or
- (b) pass through a single approved market or marshalling centre referred to in Article 7(1) of Directive 2009/156/EC as indicated in the health certificate referred to in Article 3(1)(e) of this Regulation, from where they are to be removed after the market under national rules ensuring traceability directly to a slaughterhouse to be slaughtered, as soon as possible, but at the latest within 5 working days of arrival in the Union without coming into contact with equidae of a different health status.