

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/581**of 27 April 2020****amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 90/425/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 17(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2009/156/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing the movement and importation from third countries of equidae ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) and (4), Article 13(2), Article 16 and Article 19(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 ⁽³⁾ lays down the conditions for entry into the Union of equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae. It sets out the list of third countries from where Member States are to authorise the entry of equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of animals of the equine species, and specifies the animal health and veterinary certification conditions for such entries.
- (2) Directive 2009/156/EC lays down the animal health requirements governing imports of equidae into the Union. It provides that imports of equidae into the Union are only authorised from third countries or parts of the territory thereof which have been free from glanders (*Burholderia mallei*) for a period of at least six months.
- (3) On 25 December 2019, Turkey notified through the Animal Disease Notification System, that a case of glanders was confirmed on 4 December 2019 in a horse on the Büyükada Island, Province of Istanbul, Turkey. The entry into the Union of equidae and of germinal products of equidae from Turkey should be suspended for a period of at least 6 months. It is therefore necessary to amend the entry for Turkey in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.
- (4) A new Show Jumping League has been established in the United Arab Emirates under the auspices of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) which includes qualifying tests for the Show Jumping World Cup. Based on the animal health guarantees provided by the United Arab Emirates, adding the series of show jumping competitions of the United Arab Emirates International Show Jumping League to the list of events for which the re-entry into the Union after a temporary export of less than 90 days is authorised is justified. It is therefore necessary to amend the model health certificate and the model declaration set out in Chapter 1 of Section B of Part 2 of Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.
- (5) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) In order to avoid a negative impact on trade, it is necessary to provide for a transitional period until 31 October 2020 during which animal health certificates issued in accordance with Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2147 ⁽⁴⁾, shall be accepted provided they are issued prior to 21 October 2020.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 192, 23.7.2010, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ 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 (OJ L 110, 30.4.2018, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2147 of 28 November 2019 amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae (OJ L 325, 16.12.2019, p. 99).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 is amended as follows:

- (1) In Annex I, the entry for Turkey is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.
- (2) In Annex II, Chapter 1 of Section B of Part 2 is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

Until 31 October 2020, Member States shall authorise the re-entry into the Union of registered horses accompanied by the relevant animal health certificate drawn up in accordance with the model health certificate set out in Chapter 1 of Section B of Part 2 of Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2147, provided that the animal health certificate was issued prior to 21 October 2020.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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ANNEX II

In Section B of Part 2 of Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659, Chapter 1 is replaced by the following:

‘Chapter 1

Model health certificate and model declaration applicable to re-entry into the Union of registered horses for competition after temporary export for a period of not more than 90 days to participate in equestrian events organised under the auspices of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)

(Test event in preparation of the Olympic Games, Olympic Games, Paralympics, World Equestrian Games/World Championship, Asian Equestrian Games, American Equestrian Games (including the PanAmerican Games, South American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games), Endurance World Cup in United Arab Emirates, LG Global Champions Tour, United Arab Emirates International Show Jumping League)

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Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Address Tel.		I.2. Certificate reference No		I.2.a.			
			I.3. Central competent authority					
			I.4. Local competent authority					
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postcode Tel.		I.6.					
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO code	I.10. Region of destination	Code
	I.11. Place of origin Name Address		Approval number		I.12. Place of destination Name Address Postcode			
	I.13. Place of loading		I.14. Date of departure					
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Documentary references				I.16. Entry BIP in EU			
						I.17. No(s) of CITES		
	I.18. Description of animal				I.19. Commodity code (HS code) 01 01			
				I.20. Quantity 1				
I.21.		I.22. Number of packages						
I.23. Seal/Container No		I.24.						
I.25. Animal certified for: Registered horse <input type="checkbox"/>								
I.26.		I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/>						
I.28. Identification of the animal Species (Scientific name) Identification system Identification number Age Sex Equus caballus								

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Part II: Certification		II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
	Part II: Certification	<p>II. Attestation of animal health and welfare</p> <p>I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animal described in Box I.28.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — is a registered horse as defined in Article 2(c) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659; — was examined today⁽¹⁾ and found free of clinical signs of diseases and of obvious signs of ectoparasite infestation; — is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication; — meets the requirements attested in points II.1. to II.3. of this certificate; — is accompanied by the written declaration, signed by the owner of the horse, or the representative of the owner. 	
<p>II.1. <i>Attestation on third country or part of the territory of third country and holding of dispatch</i></p> <p>II.1.1. The animal is dispatched from(insert name of country or part of the territory of a country), a country or part of the territory of a country which on the date of issuing this certificate has the Code:⁽²⁾ and is assigned to Sanitary Group⁽²⁾;</p> <p>II.1.2. in the country of dispatch the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine (<i>Trypanosoma equiperdum</i>), glanders (<i>Burkholderia mallei</i>), equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis), equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies and anthrax;</p> <p>II.1.3. the animal is dispatched from a country or part of the territory of a country:</p> <p>a) which is considered free from African horse sickness in accordance with Directive 2009/156/EC and in which there has been no clinical, serological (in unvaccinated equidae) or epidemiological evidence of African horse sickness during the period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch and in which there have been no vaccinations against the disease during the period of 12 months prior to the date of dispatch;</p> <p>b) in which Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the period of 2 years prior to the date of dispatch;</p> <p>c) in which dourine has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;</p> <p>d) in which glanders has not occurred during the period of 6 months prior to the date of dispatch;</p> <p>II.1.4. the animal does not come from a holding, and to the best of my knowledge for the time periods referred to in points II.1.4.1. to II.1.4.7. was not in contact with animals from holdings, which were subject to prohibition orders for the reasons referred to in points II.1.4.1. to II.1.4.7. and which last for:</p> <p>⁽³⁾[II.1.4.1. in the case of equidae suspected of having contracted dourine,</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾either [6 months beginning on the date of the last actual or possible contact with an animal suspected of having contracted dourine or infected with <i>Trypanosoma equiperdum</i>];</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾and/or [in the case of a stallion, until the animal is castrated;]</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾and/or [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]]</p> <p>⁽³⁾[II.1.4.2. in the case of glanders,</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾either [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease or subjected with positive results to a test for the detection of the causative pathogen <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> or antibodies to that pathogen, were killed and destroyed;]</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾and/or [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been killed and destroyed;]]</p>			

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	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
II.1.4.3.	in the case of equine encephalomyelitis of any type, ⁽⁴⁾ <i>either</i> [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease have been slaughtered;] ⁽⁴⁾ <i>and/or</i> [6 months beginning on the day on which the equidae infected with the virus causing West Nile Fever, Eastern equine encephalomyelitis or Western equine encephalomyelitis have died, been removed from the holding or fully recovered;] ⁽⁴⁾ <i>and/or</i> [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]	
II.1.4.4.	in the case of equine infectious anaemia, until the date on which, the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining equine animals on the holding have shown a negative reaction in an agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID or Coggins test) carried out on blood samples collected on two occasions 3 months apart;	
II.1.4.5.	in the case of vesicular stomatitis, ⁽⁴⁾ <i>either</i> [6 months following the last case;] ⁽⁴⁾ <i>and/or</i> [30 days following the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises after all animals of susceptible species have been slaughtered;]	
II.1.4.6.	in the case of rabies, 30 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises;	
II.1.4.7.	in the case of anthrax, 15 days following the last case and the date of completion of the cleansing and disinfection of the premises;	
II.1.5.	to the best of my knowledge, during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the animal has not been in contact with equidae infected or suspected of an infectious or contagious disease.	
II.2.	<i>Attestation of residence and pre-export isolation</i>	
II.2.1.	The animal was imported into the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch on (<i>insert date</i>) ⁽⁴⁾ <i>either</i> [directly from the EU Member State (<i>insert name of EU Member State</i>);] ⁽⁴⁾ <i>or</i> [from a country or part of the territory of a country (<i>insert name of country</i>) under conditions at least as strict as those set out in this certificate;]	
II.2.2.	the animal exited from the Union ⁽⁴⁾ <i>either</i> [less than 30 days ago, and since exit from the Union was never in a country, or part of the territory of a country other than those of the same Sanitary Group. In the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch it was resident on holdings under veterinary supervision, accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equidae of lower health status except during competition, and it has taken part in or was stabled together with horses participating in the LG Global Champions Tour ⁽⁴⁾ <i>either</i> [in the Metropolitan area of Mexico City, Mexico;]] ⁽⁴⁾ <i>and/or</i> [in Miami, Unites States of America;] ⁽⁴⁾ <i>or</i> [in Shanghai, China;]]	

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	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
(⁴)or	[less than 60 days ago, and since exit from the Union was never in a country, or part of the territory of a country other than those of the same Sanitary Group. In the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch it was resident on holdings under veterinary supervision, accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equidae of lower health status except during competition and it has taken part in or was stabled together with horses participating in (⁴)either [the Asian Games in(insert place).]] (⁴)or [the American Games(⁵) in(insert place).]] (⁴)or [the Endurance World Cup in United Arab Emirates.]]	
(⁴)or	[less than 90 days ago, and since exit from the Union was never in a country, or part of the territory of a country ⁽¹⁾ other than those of the same Sanitary Group. In the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch it was resident on holdings under veterinary supervision, accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equidae of lower health status except during competition and it has taken part in or was stabled together with horses participating in (⁴)either [the Test event for the Olympic Games in(insert place).]] (⁴)or [the Olympic Games in(insert place).]] (⁴)or [the Paralympics in(insert place).]] (⁴)or [the World Equestrian Games/World Championships in(insert place).]] (⁴)or [the United Arab Emirates International Show Jumping League.]]	
II.3.	<i>Attestation of animal welfare</i> The animal described in Box I.28. was examined today ⁽¹⁾ and found fit to be transported on the intended journey and arrangements were made to protect its health and well-being effectively at all stages of the journey.	
Notes:		
Part I:		
Box I.8.:	Provide the code of the country or part of the territory of the country as appearing in column 3 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.	
Box I.15.:	Registration number (railway wagons or container and lorries), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship) and information is to be provided. In case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the Border Inspection Post of entry into the Union.	
Box I.23.:	The container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.	
Box I.28.:	<i>Identification system:</i> The animal must bear an individual identifier which permits to link the animal to the identification document as defined in Article 2(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, tattoo, brand, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal. The number of the accompanying passport must be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it. <i>Age:</i> Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy). <i>Sex</i> (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).	

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<p>Part II:</p> <p>(1) The certificate must be issued on the day of loading or on the last working day before loading of the animal for dispatch to the Member State of destination in the Union. The re-entry after temporary export of this registered horse shall not be allowed when the animal was loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for re-entry into the Union from the respective country or the part of the territory of the country referred to in point II.1.1., or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the Union against the entry of equidae from this country or this part of the territory of the country of dispatch.</p> <p>(2) Code of the country or part of the territory of the country, and the Sanitary Group as appearing in columns 3 and 5 respectively of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659.</p> <p>(3) Delete statement if the attestation in point II.1.3. applies to the entire country of dispatch.</p> <p>(4) Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>(5) Including the PanAmerican Games, South American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games.</p> <p>This health certificate shall:</p> <p>(a) be drawn up in at least a language understood by the certifying officer and one of the official languages of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the registered horse will enter Union territory and undergo the veterinary border checks;</p> <p>(b) be made out to a single consignee;</p> <p>(c) be signed and stamped in a colour different to the colour of the printing;</p> <p>(d) consist of a single sheet of paper or all sheets of paper required are part of an integrated whole and indivisible by inserting page numbers and total number of pages, and each page shall bear the certificate reference number at the top of the page and those pages are stapled and stamped.</p>		
<p>Official veterinarian</p> <p>Name (in capital letters):</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Stamp:</p> <p>Qualification and title:</p> <p>Signature:</p>		

Declaration by the owner or representative of the owner for the re-entry after temporary export of a registered horse for competition				
Identification of the animal ⁽¹⁾				
Species (Scientific name)	Identification system	Identification number	Age	Sex
Equus caballus
<p>I, the undersigned owner⁽²⁾ or representative of the owner⁽²⁾ of the registered horse described above, hereby declare, that:</p> <p>— the horse</p> <p>^{(2)either} [was temporarily exported from the Union to the country of dispatch on..... (insert date) less than 60 days⁽²⁾ or 90 days⁽²⁾ prior to this declaration;]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [entered the country of dispatch on (insert date) from.....(insert name of country from where horse entered country of dispatch);]</p> <p>— the horse has been temporarily exported from the Union to take part in</p> <p>^{(2)either} [the Asian Games in(insert place);]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the American Games⁽³⁾ in(insert place);]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the Endurance World Cup in United Arab Emirates;]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the Test event for the Olympic Games in(insert place);]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the Olympic Games in(insert place);]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the Paralympics in(insert place);]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the World Equestrian Games/World Championships in(insert place);]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the LG Global Champions Tour in</p> <p>^{(2)either} [the Metropolitan area of Mexico City, Mexico;]</p> <p>^{(2)and/or} [Miami, Unites States of America;]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [Shanghai, China;]</p> <p>^{(2)or} [the United Arab Emirates International Show Jumping League.]</p> <p>— during the period of 15 days prior to the date of dispatch the horse has not been in contact with animals suffering from infectious or contagious diseases transmissible to equidae;</p> <p>— the conditions for residence and pre-export isolation as applicable in accordance with point II.2. of the accompanying health certificate for the country or part of the territory of the country of dispatch are fulfilled;</p> <p>— the transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the horse can be protected effectively at all stages of the journey.</p> <p>Name and address of the owner⁽²⁾ or representative⁽²⁾:</p> <p>Date:(dd/mm/yyyy)</p> <p>..... (Signature)</p>				
<p>⁽¹⁾ <i>Identification system</i>: The animal must bear an individual identifier which permits to link the animal to the identification document as defined in Article 2(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659. Specify the identification system (such as ear tag, tattoo, brand, transponder) and the anatomic place used on the animal. If a passport accompanies the animal, its number should be stated and the name of the competent authority which validated it. <i>Age</i>: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy). <i>Sex</i> (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).</p>				
<p>⁽²⁾ Delete as appropriate.</p>				
<p>⁽³⁾ Including the PanAmerican Games, South American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games.'</p>				