



**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
EXPORT OF HORSES TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**SECTION I**

Name of Exporter/Consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Importer/Consignee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of horses exported: \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation Means: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Air company and flight number or vessel name)

Date of embarkation: \_\_\_\_\_ (yyyy-mm-dd) Port of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II - Notes:**

1. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is responsible for the inspection and quarantine procedures for horses exported to China and may start to implement these procedures after having confirmed that the Chinese importer had received an import permit issued by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ).
2. Each import permit only allows for the importation of one consignment of horses.
3. One original and two copies of the export veterinary health certificate are issued and the original must accompany the shipment. The relevant test results are mentioned in Table II - Test results, page 4.
4. The health certificate must be typed. Handwritten or altered versions of the certificate are invalid.
5. Horses arriving at the Chinese port of entry without a valid veterinary health certificate will be returned or destroyed.
6. AQSIQ will send veterinarian(s) to the premises of origin, isolation premises and relevant laboratories to co-operate with CFIA in conducting the veterinary certification procedure for the horses to be exported.

**SECTION III - HEALTH CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, duly authorized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, certify that:

1. Canada is free of the following diseases:
  - 1.1 African horse sickness, vesicular stomatitis, horse pox, japanese encephalitis, epizootic lymphangitis and glanders.
  - 1.2 In the event of an outbreak of diseases mentioned in article 1.1 occurring in Canada, CFIA will notify AQSIQ with the details of the outbreak within 24 hours, including the name of the disease, the location of the outbreak, the number and species of the animals involved and the control measures taken by CFIA, and stop exporting horses to People's Republic of China.
2. The premises of origin of horses comply with the following requirements:
  - 2.1 they were free from dourine, surra, equine piroplasmiasis, contagious equine metritis and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis;
  - 2.2 no occurrence of equine mange, equine viral arteritis, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western), equine influenza (virus type A), West Nile fever, equine infectious anaemia and equine rhinopneumonitis for the past 12 months preceding exportation.
3. The vaccination status of animals for equine viral arteritis, equine rhinopneumonitis and equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) have been verified and recorded before testing; vaccination information is recorded in Table I. Horses vaccinated against the three diseases mentioned above are eligible for export to China but titers must be recorded. Horses vaccinated against West Nile fever are not eligible for export to China.
4. The horses were examined on the premises of origin and found to be clinically free of infectious diseases mentioned in articles 1 and 2 above. The examination date is recorded in Table II.



5. The horses were tested on the premises of origin for the following diseases:  
(Note: horses with negative results as indicated below are recorded "N" in Table II, while titers are recorded for non negative horses.)
- 5.1 equine infectious anaemia (EIA), using agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID) with negative results;
  - 5.2 equine viral arteritis (EVA), using serum neutralization (SN) test,
    - 5.2.1 non vaccinated animals, negative result at 1:4 dilution,
    - 5.2.2 vaccinated animals, titer recorded in Table II - Test results;
  - 5.3 equine rhinopneumonitis (E Rhino), using serum neutralization (SN) test,
    - 5.3.1 non vaccinated animals, negative result at 1:2 dilution,
    - 5.3.2 vaccinated animals, titer recorded in Table II - Test results;
  - 5.4 equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) (EEE/WEE), using haemagglutination inhibition (HI) test,
    - 5.4.1 non vaccinated animals, negative result at 1:10 dilution,
    - 5.4.2 vaccinated animals, titer recorded in Table II - Test results;
  - 5.5 equine influenza (E Inf), using haemagglutination inhibition (HI) test with titer recorded in Table II;
  - 5.6 West Nile fever (WNF), using the plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT) with negative result.
6. The horses which passed the on-farm testing were quarantined for at least 30 days in an isolation premises approved by the CFIA . These premises complied with the following requirements:
- 6.1 no other animals are raised in isolation premises;
  - 6.2 the facilities were cleansed and disinfected before the entry of horses;
  - 6.3 measures were taken to prevent insect vectors to be in contact with horses to be exported.
7. During the quarantine period, the horses were individually examined and found free of any clinical sign or evidence of contagious infectious diseases. The examination date is recorded in Table II.
8. During the quarantine period, but within the 14 to 30 day period after the first testing done on premises of origin, the horses were retested for the diseases mentioned in article 5, using the same test. For equine viral arteritis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) and equine influenza, the horses were considered eligible for export only if the second test do not show more than 4-fold increase in titre; the second titre is recorded in Table II.
9. During the quarantine period, the horses were treated under the supervision of an official veterinarian against internal and external parasites with effective parasiticides approved by the CFIA as follows:
- |                             |                 |             |              |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Internal parasiticide used: | Name of product | Dosage used | Manufacturer | Date of treatment<br>(yyyy-mm-dd) |
| External parasiticide used: | Name of product | Dosage used | Manufacturer | Date of treatment<br>(yyyy-mm-dd) |
10. Within 24 hours prior to export, the horses were examined and found free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases.  
Date of examination: \_\_\_\_\_ (yyyy-mm-dd)
11. The fodder and bedding used during the quarantine period and transportation came from areas free from epizootic diseases mentioned in articles 1.1 and 2.1. and from premises where there was no occurrence of equine diseases mentioned in article 2.2.
12. The horses were protected from insect vectors during quarantine period and transportation to port of departure and prevented to travel through epizootic disease control areas; no contact with other animals is permitted during transportation. The horses are not scheduled to be shipped in the same conveyance with other animals which are not part of the same consignment.
13. All crates, vehicles and cargo areas used to transport the horses were cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by the CFIA.
14. All requirements mentioned in the Protocol signed between the CFIA and AQSIQ for horses to be exported from Canada to the People's Republic of China have been met.



**TABLE I - DESCRIPTION OF HORSES AND VACCINATION STATUS:**

Vaccination status: For non vaccinated horses, indicate " NO " // For vaccinated horses: indicate the name of vaccine, type of vaccine, dosage, manufacturer and date of vaccination (yyyy-mm-dd).

HORSE ID	BREED	AGE (yyyy/mm)	SEX (S,M,G)	DESCRIPTION	Vaccination Status		
					Equine Viral Arteritis	Equine Rhinopneumonitis	Equine Encephalomyelitis (E/W)

SAMPLE



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Agence canadienne  
d'inspection des aliments

REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**TABLE II - TEST RESULTS**

N = negative results as per article 5. // Titers must be recorded for non negative horses.

Horse ID	On the Premises of Origin							In Isolation Premises					
	Examination	Tests on the premises of origin						Examination	Tests in isolation premises (14-30 days after test on premises of origin)				
Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	EIA (AGID)	EVA (SN)	E Rhino (SN)	EEE/WEE (HI)	E Inf (HI)	WNF (PRNT)	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	EIA (AGID)	EVA (SN)	E Rhino (SN)	EEE/WEE (HI)	E Inf (HI)	WNF (PRNT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

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Signature of Official Veterinarian  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
Government of Canada

Official Export Stamp

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Name of Official Veterinarian (in block letters)

