



# COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT

A STATES OF GUERNSEY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

## CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EQUINE ANIMALS FROM MAINLAND EU MEMBER STATES

An import licence is required for all equidae imported into Guernsey, other than for equidae imported under the Tripartite Agreement from France.

The import permit will require that all equidae must be imported in accordance with Council Directive 2009/156/EC.

In particular:

All equidae must be accompanied by either:

- An identity document, in the case of registered equidae, issued by the breeding authority or any other Competent Authority which manages the studbook register and with the health attestation at Annex II of Council Directive 2009/156/EC \* which may be used for a single equid; or
- An identification document and a health certificate, in the case of registered or non registered equidae, in conformity with the model certificate at Annex III of Council Directive 2009/156/EC.

All equidae must be inspected by an official veterinarian of the Member State of origin within 48 hours of export.

The health attestation or certificate must be drawn up in English and the official language of the country of export, and shall be valid for 10 days. **A copy must be sent by fax or e-mail (inc. TRACES) to Commerce & Employment as soon as possible after issue and in any case before the animals are exported.**

\* Registered equidae may return to Guernsey using the Annex II health attestation that was issued for the outward journey provided the documentation is still valid (within 10 days of issue).

### PRECAUTIONS:

Although horses are not susceptible to Blue Tongue, midges which transmit the virus do feed on horses and there is therefore a possible risk that infected midges could be brought into Guernsey when horses are transported. As a precautionary measure, importers are requested to apply treatments against midges to horses and horse boxes as appropriate.

### NOTES

- Equine animal means a horse, zebra, donkey or mule.
- No unauthorised alteration of an Import Licence is permitted. If any alteration is required then the licence must be returned to Commerce & Employment with a request for amendment.
- The Import Licence must be available for inspection by Guernsey Customs at the time of importation.
- An import Licence is not transferable and can be revoked at any time by the Commerce and Employment Department. It will cease to be valid 1 month from the date of issue.
- Owners of imported animals should be aware of rabies risks and should pay special attention to the health of any imported animal during the first 6 months in Guernsey.



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