


## EQUINE IMPORTS from the EU

### Tick List

Action	Links and notes	Completed 
<b>To be carried out before you travel</b>		
Apply for a <b>licence</b> to Import your horse into Guernsey	<p>'Animal/Animal Product Import Application' document available on the States of Guernsey website <a href="#">here</a>. Completed applications must be emailed to <a href="mailto:svo@gov.gg">svo@gov.gg</a> and an import licence will be issued by the Guernsey States Veterinary Officers (SVOs). Licences are valid for 28 days and must be available for inspection upon arrival at the Guernsey port.</p> <p><i>The numbered import licence will specify the following documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appropriate Great British Health Certificate (GBHC),</li> <li>• post-import isolation approval</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure an <b>Authorised Vet (AV)</b> in the EU	An Authorised Veterinarian (AV), as they are called in the EU and Guernsey, is a vet who is authorised to perform statutory veterinary tasks. Identify a private veterinarian in a convenient location in the EU who is authorised to inspect your horse and certify the GBHC. GBHC's are available on the GOV.UK website <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Determine if the appropriate GBHC has a requirement for <b>pre-import blood tests</b> .	In certain circumstances the GBHC's require that blood samples are taken from your horse by the AV many weeks before import. The requirement for pre-import blood samples depends upon whether your horse represents a significant disease risk because of the health status of the country or territory that your horse has been in prior to importation. Your AV will be able to help with determining if blood samples are required. Further information below.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange for your horse's <b>post-import isolation</b> facilities in Guernsey to be checked	Contact the SVOs to arrange inspection of your horse's proposed post-import isolation facilities. You must also contract to allow the SVOs to inspect, examine and collect any samples deemed necessary by them within 72hr of the horse's arrival at the post-isolation facility. The SVOs will issue a post import isolation approval if the facilities and procedures are satisfactory.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider applying for an <b>ATA Carnet</b>	This should speed up the customs process and lasts for a year. A fee is charged for the issue (for non-Chamber members that fee is £325.96). Further information <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check your horse's <b>microchip</b>	If your vet is on the yard for a routine visit, it's worth asking them to check the microchips of any horses that might travel to/from Europe in the coming months, to ensure their microchips can be easily located and read.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check <b>passport(s)</b>	Check horse passport(s) are current and accurate. Check that the identification information is correct.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Book your travel</b> with the carrier between the EU and Guernsey.	All horses from the EU must depart through a BCP, where documents and ID may be checked by the carrier. At the time this document was prepared, the carrier is Condor Ferries and they depart through the port of St. Malo BCP.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Download and complete an <b>Animal Import Notification</b> document	An 'Animal Import Notification' document is available <a href="#">here</a> . The completed import notification must be emailed to <a href="mailto:svo@gov.gg">svo@gov.gg</a> more than 24hr prior to import.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Book an appointment</b> with your AV	The AV must visit, inspect your horse(s) and issue a GBHC on <u>the day of loading or on the last working day before loading of the animal(s)</u> . The AV certifies the horse(s) as fit for travel by signing and stamping the GBHC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>To be carried out up to 90 days prior to travel</b>		
<b>Blood tests</b> may be required for horses being imported or returning to Guernsey	For horses that have been on holdings where susceptible species have suffered from equine infectious anaemia, all horses remaining on the holding will require negative blood tests before any could be imported or return to Guernsey. The horses on the holding must be sampled by the supervising vet and show a negative reaction to two Coggins tests carried out three months apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>To be carried out up to 21 days prior to travel</b>		
<b>Blood tests</b> required for unregistered stallion(s)	Unregistered stallions over 180 days of age require blood tests for equine viral arteritis, unless they meet the vaccination requirements. This can be undertaken by the supervising vet and must be within 21 days of the departure date.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>To be carried out on the day of loading</b>		
<b>AV Inspection</b>	The AV must visit, inspect your horse(s) and issue a GBHC on the day of loading or on the last working day before loading of the animal(s). The AV certifies the horse(s) as fit for travel by signing and stamping the GBHC which they will have prepared prior to their arrival.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Check all paperwork and documentation</b>	You'll need the original GBHC completed and signed by the AV, valid passport and import licence stored in a plastic wallet and easily accessible for inspection.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Arrival at the BCP</b>		
<b>Presentation to EU Customs before loading on to the ferry</b>	Be prepared to present your horse to EU Customs (Douanes) to make an export declaration before loading on to the ferry to have evidence that your horse has been exported from the EU with the appropriate documentation. Information available <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Arrival in Guernsey</b>		
<b>Customs clearance in Guernsey</b>	Horses will remain under Customs control until they have passed all import requirements and/or tests. The horse must be checked by the SVO's at the agreed post-import isolation facility within 72hr of landing. The SVO will then inform Customs that the horse is in compliance with its import requirements. Customs are then able to stamp an ATA Carnet, if appropriate, and release the horse from their control. Further information available <a href="#">here</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Travel direct to post-isolation facilities</b>	Once landed, horses must be moved from the harbour directly to an agreed post-import isolation facility where the horse can be identified and physically checked safely by the SVOs within 72hr. Your horse will not have cleared Customs until it has been examined by the SVO and it has complied with all necessary import requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Abbreviation key

AV	Authorised Vet
BCP	Border Control Post
EU	European Union
GBHC	Great Britain Health Certificate
IPAFFS	Import of products, animals, food and feed systems (GB)
SVOs	States Veterinary Officers
TRACES-NT	TRAdE Control & Expert System (EU)
UNN	Unique notification number (IPAFFS)

Please note that this document should be read in conjunction with the EQUINE IMPORTS from the EU NOTES for further information.