

## Equine Imports from the EU

Please note that this document should be read in conjunction with the Equine Imports from the EU TICK LIST.

### Import Licence

Each equine import into Guernsey requires a specific individually numbered import licence and each import licence includes several requirements, all of which must be complied with. This includes:

- the appropriate completed Great British Health Certificate (GBHC),
- any laboratory reports following blood samples required,
- the post-import isolation arrangements that have been approved by the SVO and
- a valid equine passport.

All documents must also be completed and available for inspection upon arrival at the Guernsey port and the Post-Import Isolation Facility.

### Great Britain Health Certificates

Unified import health certificates (HC) for horses from the EU has been agreed by Great Britain (GB), Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The GBHC's can be accessed through the UK Government website [here](#).

The most utilised GBHC's for importation of horses into Guernsey are indicated in the table below:

GBHC	Title	Registered or Unregistered
<a href="#">167E</a>	Re-entry after temporary export of <b>Registered or Unregistered</b> Equine from EU	<b>Registered/Unregistered</b>
<a href="#">168E</a>	Temporary or permanent admission of a <b>registered</b> equine from the EU	<b>Registered</b>
<a href="#">169E</a>	Temporary or permanent admission of an <b>unregistered</b> equine from the EU	<b>Unregistered</b>

It is permissible for the consignor to download the appropriate GBHC and complete Part I of the document. Guidance on how to complete **Part I** of a GBHC can be found [here](#). Please put your import licence reference number (e.g. EU21/00/FR) in box I.2.a "UNN" (IPAFFS unique notification number) of the GBHC. Your EU AV should create a certificate reference number to put into box I.2.

Guernsey, like GB, is recognised as having the highest equine health status for a third country and has been placed in 'Sanitary Group A' of (EU) 2018/659. The options for name of country or part of the territory of the country required here are:

Country name	Country Code
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GB-0
<b>Guernsey</b>	<b>GG-0</b>
Isle of Man	IM-0
Jersey	JE-0



**Part II** of the GBHC's must be completed and certified by an EU Authorised Veterinarian (AV). 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.

The AV will provide you with the original version of the completed GBHC which must travel with the horse.

### Animal Import Notification

An import notification is a requirement under the Official Control Regulations and it is Guernsey's alternative to the UK IPAFFS system and the EU's TRACES system. The 'Animal Import Notification' document can be found [here](#) and must be emailed to [svo@gov.gg](mailto:svo@gov.gg) along with legible scans/photographs of all pages of the signed GBHC and import licence. This must be sent no less than *24 hours prior to departure* from the EU. This will allow the SVOs to check that the documents are valid and avoid delays at the Guernsey port.

### Post-Import Isolation

It will not be possible for the SVOs to conduct physical checks of imported horses at St. Peter Port Harbour. It may be difficult to establish unequivocal identification of a horse whilst in its transport vehicle. For this reason, 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.

One of the conditions of the import permit is that you agree to allow the SVOs to inspect and approve your post import isolation facilities prior to departing the EU. Another condition is that you consent to allow the SVOs access to the agreed post-import isolation facility to inspect your horse with your assistance within the first 72hrs following import.

Horses imported from the EU 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.

It is widely accepted that it is good practice to isolate any imported horses from direct or indirect contact with other horses for at least 2 weeks. This will help protect the Island's resident horses against contagious infections from asymptomatic horses returning to or entering the Island for the first time.