

**CONDITIONS FOR THE PERMANENT IMPORTATION OF HORSES INTO THE  
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)**

1. Permission to import must be obtained from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Ministry of Agriculture and Water, Quarantine Department before shipment leaves the exporting country.
2. In order to obtain an Import Permit, a fully completed Import Permit Application form must be submitted to the KSA Ministry of Agriculture and Water, **Tel/Fax : (00966.1.4011323)**. At the Ministry's discretion copies of test results and proof of vaccinations may also be requested.

3. **Pre- export isolation:**

During the 30 days immediately prior to export the horses must be held in an isolation facility approved by USDA.

4. **Pre- export tests:**

The horse must be subjected to the following blood tests with negative results:

- i. Coggins Test for **Equine Infectious Anemia** – see paragraph III (j) of the attached model health certificate for details.
- ii. The Serum Neutralization Test for **Equine Viral Arteritis** with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 4. (This test is required for uncastrated male horses only.) See paragraph III (e)(v) of the attached model health certificate for details.
- iii. **Vesicular Stomatitis** – where appropriate – see paragraph III (e)(iv) of the attached Model Health Certificate for options.
- iv. Western and Eastern Encephalomyelitis – where appropriate – see attached Model Health Certificate for options.

The above tests to be carried out in a Laboratory approved for that purpose by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**5. Vaccinations:**

- i. All horses must be fully vaccinated against Equine Influenza – see paragraph III (m) of the attached Model Health Certificate for details.

**Note: original certification showing proof of primary and all booster vaccinations, given in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, must travel with horse.**

- ii. Other vaccinations may also be necessary - see Model Health Certificate for details.

**6. West Nile Fever** – Horses which are resident in States/provinces where West Nile virus has been found require additional certification, see paragraph III (o).

**7. Health Certificate:**

When horses are sent to KSA they must be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian approved by the USDA to carry out export certification and endorsed by a Federal Veterinarian.

The certificate should be in similar form to, and contain all the information in the certificate attached at Annex A. to these conditions.

Please read the certificate carefully to ensure that all parts are fully complied with.

Dates must be inserted and deletions made where appropriate.

**8.** On arrival in the KSA the horse will be subjected to a minimum of 6 days isolation in an officially approved Isolation Center and will be subjected to further tests at the discretion of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Should the horse fail any of the tests, or fail to comply with the conditions of import, including failure to provide proper certification it may be required to be re-exported at the owners' expense or destroyed.

All horses must arrive by air at one of the approved International Airports – at Riyadh, Jeddah, unless special authority is granted for landing elsewhere.