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**Veterinary Health Requirements to Import Horses to Sri Lanka**

The following requirements should be fulfilled

Status	Disease / Organism	Required test / Certification
Country free	African Horse Sickness Contagious Equine Metritis Vesicular Stomatitis Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis Getah Virus infection Hanta virus infection Rift Valley Fever	Certification by the Government Veterinary Authority
Zone free	Trypanosomiasis (Trypanosoma brucei, T.congolense, T. simiae and T. vivax) Equine piroplasmosis	Certification by the Government Veterinary Authority
Herd free	Anthrax Dourine ( For 6 months) Equine Infectious Anemia Equine Viral Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1) Equine Encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) Glanders Epizootic Lymphangitis Horse Pox Horse mange Equine Influenza Japanese Encephalomyelitis Leptospirosis Rabies Tuberculosis Equine Viral Arthritis West Nile Fever New world screwworm and Old world screwworm infestation	Certification by the Government Veterinary Authority
Tests	1) Equine Viral Arteritis – PCR 2) Dourine – Complement Fixation Test (CFT) /IFAT/ ELISA 3) Trypanosomiasis - PCR	Laboratory certification

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Treatments	Animals were treated against external parasites and internal parasites. Two treatments to be done with registered anti-parasitic drugs at least 10-14 days apart. 1 <sup>st</sup> treatment prior to entering pre-export quarantine and 2 <sup>nd</sup> treatment 3 days prior to shipment and animals were maintained in a tick free environment.	Certification by the Government Veterinary Authority
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- 1) Animals should be identified with a Microchip enabling trace back to the dam and herd of origin.
- 2) Animals should be kept in the country of origin since birth and each animal should have a horse passport containing information on identification of the horse, movement records, vaccination records and laboratory health tests.
- 3) Animals should not in contact with any animals showing any clinical sign of any infectious or contagious disease including the disease mentioned in the paragraph 1 and 2 for a period of 3 months immediately prior to embarkation.
- 4) Animals should be examined on the day of embarkation and found to be in a good state of health without deformities and, fit for transport.
- 5) The horses destined for export to Sri Lanka should be kept in a Government approved animal quarantine station under close supervision of the competent veterinary officer, for at least twenty one days (21 days) immediately prior to export. Animals should not have been in contact with any animal showing any clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease.
- 6) Immediately prior to loading, the animals to be exported have been inspected, on the premises of origin, by Govt. Veterinary Authority. After inspection for wounds with egg masses or larvae of New World or Old World screwworm, any infested animal should be rejected for export.
- 7) All the test results, vaccination and treatment records with all the relevant information to be scanned and e-mailed (dgdaph@sltnet.lk) to DAPH at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of loading the animals into the ship and the content should be as agreed by the CVO Sri Lanka.
- 8) The certificate of the country of origin should be certified by the relevant authority.

*Health protocol may vary from time to time according to the disease status reported to WOAHP and health status of the exporting country*

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