

**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ST. MAATEN FOR
HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The horses must be accompanied by U.S. Origin International Health Certificate, issued by a veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The Certificate must not be older than 14 days and contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete individual identification of the horse(s) to be imported.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free from dourine and surra.
2. The animals contain individually identification including microchip or tattoo numbers.
3. At the farm of origin, the horses were isolated from other animals under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian for at least 30 days prior to export.
4. Upon inspection at isolation, the horses did not show signs of infectious and contagious diseases.
5. At the farm of origin, there have been no quarantines or movement restrictions due to any OIE listed diseases affecting equines within 90 days prior to export.
6. The horses were vaccinated with inactivated vaccines against equine encephalomyelitis (Venezuelan, Eastern and Western) and rabies not less than one month and not more than one year prior to export.
7. The horses were treated against endo and ectoparasites with approved products within 7 days prior to export. Upon inspection the horses were free of ectoparasites. State the name of the product and date of treatment. _____
8. The horses were transported, from the farm of origin to the port of embarkation, in vehicles that were cleaned and disinfected prior to loading with approved products. During transportation the horses were not in contact with other animals.
9. The airplane transporting the horses was cleaned and disinfected according to the protocol of the port of exit. The horses were protected for mosquito bites by spraying with an approved insecticide.
10. The horses have not been used as stud-horses or as breeding mares.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested at a USDA approved laboratory with negative results as prescribed below within 30 days prior to export.

1. Equine infectious anemia (EIA): Negative agar-gel immunodiffusion test (AGID, Coggins) or ELISA;
2. Equine piroplasmosis (*Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi*): Negative indirect immunofluorescent test or ELISA;

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a Veterinary Services port veterinarian will issue the following statement:

“The animals exported with the certificate number _____ have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto”.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Importers must comply with all conditions described in the import permit issued by the Agriculture Department of St. Maarten. If it appears upon arrival that the horses do not comply with these requirements, the horses will not be allowed to be unloaded.
2. In St. Maarten the horses will be tested for equine infectious anemia at the owner's expense. Positive horses will sent back or destroyed. Horses will also be treated against ectoparasites.
3. Your contact person is Osmundo. Castilla@aphis.usda.gov and the telephone number is 1-301 – 851- 3300 extension 2.