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EQUIDAE in the EU

Movement-Trade-Imports

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Equidae

- the most mobile segment of EU livestock -

5.5 Million equidae (horses, donkeys etc.)

- 2.9 Million (53%) registered equidae (registered in a studbook or FEI)
- 2.6 Million (47%) equidae for breeding and production (not registered in a studbook)

EC legislation on Equidae


Animal Health
 (movement, trade, imports semen, ova, embryos)
 Dir. 90/426/EEC & Dir. 92/65/EEC

AHS Control
 (disease control)
 Dir. 92/35/EEC

Animal Welfare
 (transport)
 Reg. (EC) No 1/2005

Zootechnics
 (studbook)
 Dir. 90/427/EEC

Competitions
 (use)
 Dir. 90/428/EEC



Definitions (1)

Holding




- means any agricultural or training establishment, a stable or, generally speaking, any premises or facilities in which equidae are habitually kept or bred, for whatever use (Directive 92/35/EEC)
- any nature reserves where equidae live in freedom (Directive 92/35/EEC)




Definitions (2)

Equidae

- means wild or domesticated animals of the equine (including zebras) or asinine species or the offspring of crossings of those species
 - E. caballus
 - E. asinus
 - E. hemionus kiang
 - E. hemionus onager
 - E. burchelli, E. grevyi









Definition (3)

Registered equidae
 (studbook or intern. competition organisation)

- Equidae for slaughter
- Equidae for breeding and production

Categories of equidae

Definitions (4)

Notifiable diseases:

- African horse sickness
- Vesicular stomatitis

**Notifiable to ADNS
Dec. 2004/216/EC**

- Dourine, Glanders
- Equine infectious anaemia
- Equine encephalomyelitis (all types, incl. VEE.)
- Rabies, anthrax

ADNS-Codes

WNV, EHV

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General Requirements

Country freedom

- African horse sickness
- Vesicular stomatitis
- Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis

Holding freedom

- Dourine, Glanders
- Equine infectious anaemia
- Equine encephalomyelitis (all types, excl. VEE, incl. WNF, Jap. Borna)
- Rabies, anthrax

What about Equine Herpes Virus

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Principles of Movement/Trade

- Veterinary inspection
 - at the place of origin within 48 hours prior to loading
 - **Registered equidae only for trade**
 - Nondiscriminatory checks at place of destination
- Traceability – No TRACES for registered equidae under Annex B to 90/426/EEC
- Veterinary document
 - Attestation Annex B – 10 days, no direction, individual
 - Certificate Annex C – 10 days, direction, group
 - Additional guaranties possible but not implemented

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Attestation Annex B

ANNEX B
 HEALTH CERTIFICATE
 For trade between Member States of the EEC
 EQUIDAE

Particulars of the animal (to be filled in by the holder of the certificate):

1. Name of the animal: _____

2. Sex: _____

3. Breed: _____

4. Colour: _____

5. Date of birth: _____

6. Identification number: _____

7. Name and address of the holder of the certificate: _____

8. Name and address of the veterinary authority: _____

9. Name and address of the destination: _____

10. Date of issue: _____

11. Date of expiry: _____

12. Signature of the holder of the certificate: _____

13. Signature of the veterinary authority: _____

14. Stamp of the veterinary authority: _____

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Certificate Annex C

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Identification and certification

Category of equidae	Type of Movement	Identification	Certification
Registered equidae	on foot - national	Passport ¹	Not required
	Transport - national	Passport ¹	Not required
	Trade ²	Passport ¹	90/426/EEC Annex B
Equidae for breeding and production	on foot - national	ID-Document ²	Not required
	Transport - national	ID-Document ²	90/426/EEC Annex C
Equidae for slaughter	Transport - national	Passport ¹ and/or ID-Document ²	90/426/EEC Annex C
	Trade	Passport ¹ and/or ID-Document ²	90/426/EEC Annex C

1 ID Document in accordance with Decision 93/623/EEC (passport)
 2 ID Document established by Decision 2000/68/EC

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Identification of equidae at EU-level




primarily an animal health issue

- ✓ traceability during movement, trade and imports of animals with certified health status
- ✓ prerequisite for control measures in case of disease (Annex A to 90/426/EEC)

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Since 1 July 2000 all equidae must be accompanied by an identification document whenever they are moved



equidae breeding & production Dir. 90/426/EEC Dec. 2000/68/EC Identification Document Authority designated by MS	registered equidae Dir. 90/426/EEC and 90/427/EEC Dec. 93/623/EEC Passport Studbook or international organisation managing equidae for competition
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equidae for slaughter

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The Studbook

- ✓ Studbooks are established or maintained by organisations approved in accordance with Decision 92/353/EEC
- ✓ The studbook of the origin of the breed lays down the principles of such studbook, including the system of identification
- ✓ Equidae are entered in the studbook in accordance with Decision 96/78/EEC (pedigree, identification as foal at foot)
- ✓ Studbooks have the privilege to issue passports in accordance with Decision 93/623/EEC

Consequences for certain competitions under Dir. 90/428/EEC

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Conclusion

Several organisations issue identification documents

No active link between document and animal

more than one passport for the same equine animal cannot be excluded

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The public health aspect




- ✓ Status of equidae as food-producing animals has consequences for medicinal treatment (Reg. (EC) 2377/90)
- ✓ Specific derogation in Article 10 of Directive 2001/82/EC requires tight link between document and animal

RF-ID as practicable solution

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Draft Regulation on equine identification

- ✓ Single lifetime ID-document → movement-independent
- ✓ Database records on issued ID-documents
- ✓ UELN compatible life number
- ✓ active marking of foals with an electronic transponder
- ✓ smart-card as option to replace paper documents for national movement other than for slaughter



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Imports from Third Countries

- Com. Decision 2004/211/EC
56 countries
- 7 countries regionalised
 - Disease free areas
 - AHS (SA, ZA, EG)
 - VEE (Mexico)
 - Dourine (Kyrgyzstan, Russia)
 - Glanders (Brazil)
 - Only importation of registered horses
 - Only re-entry of registered horses



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EC import conditions

- 92/260/EEC temporary admission of registered horses
- 93/195/EEC re-entry of registered horses
- 93/196/EEC imports of equidae for slaughter
- 93/197/EEC imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production
- 94/467/EC Transit

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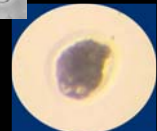
SANITARY (RISK) GROUPS

No specific problems Agreement AHS
 VEE encephalitis glanders/dourine

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Semen – Ova - Embryos

- Directive 92/65/EEC
 - Criteria for the approval of semen collection centres, embryo and oocyte collection teams
- Certificates
 - 95/294/EG (Trade O+E)
 - 95/307/EG (Trade Semen)
 - 96/539/EG (Imports Semen)
 - 96/540/EG (Imports O+E)



Specific conditions for AI stallions:

- walk-on permitted subject to specific test regime for EIA, EVA, CEM

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