

**Horses which are based in or are being prepared for sale in the UK require a new Health Attestation signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) in order to maintain quick and seamless post-sale export to the EU.**

**Any UK-based horses sold without this document will be subject to sale announcements as significant delays are likely if purchased for export to the EU.**

**Please note that this document is required in addition to the current Health Certificate and Residency Declaration which should still accompany each lot.**

**The new attestation is NOT required for horses travelling directly to the sales from Ireland, France, Germany or any other EU country.**



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# Official Veterinarian (OV) Declaration for Export of the equine animal to the EU/NI

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Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
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Welsh Government  
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Declaration number:

## Official Veterinarian (OV) Declaration for Export of the equine animal to the EU/NI

### 1. Identification of the equine animal

- (a) Species
- (b) Subspecies/category
- (c) Sex
- (d) Identification system
- (e) Unique identification number
- (f) Age

(g) Insert further detailed description if needed:

### 2. Origin of the equine animal

a) Address(es) of establishment(s) for which this declaration is applicable:

### 3. Health attestation

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, declare that the equine animal described in Part 1:

\*Is a registered horse which has been kept in the above establishment(s) under official veterinary supervision during the following period of time from ..... to ..... during the last 30 days <sup>(1)</sup>

\*During the last 40 days <sup>(2)</sup> was kept in the above establishment(s) under official veterinary supervision for the following period of time from ..... to .....

\* Exited from the Union less than 30 days ago <sup>(3)</sup> and was a resident in the above establishment(s) for the following period of time from ..... to ....., under official veterinary supervision, accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equine animals of lower health status, except during racing, competition or the cultural event;

\* Exited from the Union less than \*30 days ago/\*60 days ago/\*90 days ago <sup>(3)</sup> and has been a resident in the above establishment(s) for the following period of time; from ..... to ..... under official veterinary supervision, accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equine animals of lower health status, except during competition. <sup>(4)</sup>

\*delete if not applicable

**Insert further attestations if needed (optional):**

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**Signature:**

Name of the Official Veterinarian in  
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Signature of Official Veterinarian

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RCVS Registration No.

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Telephone No.

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Stamp of Official Veterinarian

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Date

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**Guidance for completion of OV declaration**

This declaration can be used as supporting document for export of equine animal to the EU, for the certificates number: 8431, 8433, 8434.

The specimen certificate and notes for guidance for the relevant Export Health Certificates are available on APHA Form Finder <https://www.gov.uk/export-health-certificates>.

## Footnotes

- (1) prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 30 days of age, or since entry in accordance with point II.3.1 (of 8431EHC) from a Member State of the European Union, Norway or a third country or territory, or zone thereof which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G (sanitary group as appearing respectively in columns 2 and 3 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404).
- (2) prior to the date of its dispatch to the Union, or since birth if it is less than 40 days of age, or since the date of entry in accordance with point II.3.1 (of 8431EHC) from a Member State of the European Union, Norway or a third country or territory, or zone thereof which is assigned to Sanitary Group A, B, C, D, E or G (sanitary group as appearing respectively in columns 2 and 3 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404); and the country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch is recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as officially free of African horse sickness.
- (3) and since the date of exit from the Union it was never in a third country or territory, or zone thereof (Code of the third country or territory, or zone thereof and the Sanitary Group as appearing respectively in columns 2 and 3 of the table in Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404); other than those of the same Sanitary Group as the third country or territory, or zone thereof of dispatch.
- (4) As per requirements of II.3.2. of the 8434 EHC.

Either: For 30 days supervision: and has taken part in or was stabled together with horses participating in the show jumping (Concours de Saut International including the PanAmerican Games, South American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games):

Either [in the Metropolitan area of Mexico City, Mexico;]

and/or [in the Unites States;]

or [in Shanghai, China;]

Or: For 60 days supervision: and has taken part in or was stabled together with horses participating in:

Either [the Asian Games]

(3) or [the American Games]

Or: For 90 days supervision: and has taken part in or was stabled together with horses participating in:

Either [the Test event for the Olympic Games]

Or [the Olympic Games]

Or [the Paralympics]

Or [the World Equestrian Games/World Championships]

or [the show jumping (Concours de Saut International) or dressage (Concours de Dressage International) in the United Arab Emirates]