Annex 26

Chapter 12.6.  
  
**Infection with equine influenza virus**

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**Recommendations for the importation of domestic equids for unrestricted movement**

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the domestic equids:

1) came from an EI free country, *zone* or *compartment* in which they had been resident for at least 21 days; in the case of a vaccinated domestic equid, information on its *vaccination* status should be included in the veterinary certificate;

OR

2) came from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not known to be free from EI, were subjected to pre-export isolation for 21 days and showed no clinical sign of EI during isolation nor on the day of shipment; and

3) were ~~immunised~~ vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer with a vaccine complying with the standards described in the *Terrestrial Manual* and considered effective against the epidemiologically relevant virus strains, ~~between 21 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster; information on their~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~status should be included in the veterinary certificate or the passport in accordance with Chapter 5.12.~~ in accordance with one of the following procedures:

*a)* between 14 and 90 days before shipment either with a primary course or a booster; or

*b)* between 14 and 180 days before shipment, if they are older than four years of age, ~~previously~~ having received up to the date of this pre-shipment *vaccination*, at least four doses of ~~the same~~ vaccine at intervals not greater than 180 days.

Information on the *vaccination* status should be included in the *international veterinary certificate* or the passport in accordance with Chapter 5.12. as relevant.

~~For additional security, c~~Countries that are free ~~of~~ from EI or undertaking an eradication programme may also request that the domestic equids were ~~tested negative for EIV by~~ subjected to an agent identification test for EI described in the *Terrestrial Manual* with negative results, conducted on samples collected on two occasions, ~~at 7 to 14 days~~ four to six days after commencement of pre-export isolation and ~~less than 5~~ ~~prior to~~ within four days ~~before~~ of shipment.

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