

**Approved by order Ü-12 dated 16 May 2018 of the Azerbaijan
Republic
Food Safety Agency**

**Veterinary Requirements
to importing sport horses for participation in international
competitions into the Azerbaijan Republic**

The validity of this certificate applies to horses that are imported into the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan for a period of time not exceeding 90 days for participation in sports and entertainment events.

Only healthy animals not vaccinated against equine encephalomyelitis of all types, African horse sickness and originating from farms and administrative territories free from the following contagious diseases are admitted to be imported into Azerbaijan Republic:

- infectious equine encephalomyelitis of all types, African horse sickness - during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- foot-and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, equine viral arteritis, equine influenza and glanders – during the last 6 months in the administrative territories (state, province, land, county, etc.);
- dourine, surra (*T.evansi*), pyroplasmiasis (*B. cabani*) and nuttalliosis (*B. equi*) – during the last 12 months in the administrative territories (state, province, land, county etc.);
- equine rhinopneumonitis, equine infectious anaemia, contagious equine metritis and rabies – during the last 3 months in the premises;
- anthrax – during the last 20 days in the premises.

Before shipment, the horses should be kept under the supervision of the official veterinary service of the exporting country and were kept in a quarantine station, protected from insect vectors for a minimum of 40 days quarantine period, were carried out with a negative result for serological tests antibodies against the AHSV group on a blood sample collected at least 28 days after introduction into quarantine station.

Horses brought to the competitions should be accompanied with the international FEI passport, should be vaccinated against influenza with inactivated vaccine no later than 30-45 days and have not been vaccinated against AHS within the last 40 days prior to the shipment.

Transport vehicles should be treated and prepared for protection from insect vectors attacks at all times during transportation (including transportation to and at the place of shipment).

Fulfilment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements, should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the official veterinarian of the

exporting country and drawn up in a language understandable to the veterinarian of exporting country or in English with indication the date of diagnostic studies and inoculations.

Shipment of animals to Azerbaijan is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.

After importation into the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan the horses are placed and kept under the supervision of the territorial Food Safety Agency. Horses imported from different countries, are kept isolated during the whole period of stay, except for direct participation in sports competitions. After the completion of sports events horses are subject to the mandatory taking out from the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic without additional studies and treatments according to the veterinary certificate of the country of origin, on the basis of which they were imported into Azerbaijan.