

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

**VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS
to importing thoroughbred, commodity and sports horses to Azerbaijan
Republic**

Healthy animals born and reared in the exporting country or stayed in it no less than 6 months with pregnancy no more than 3 months is allowed to be imported to Azerbaijan Republic. Horses shouldn't be vaccinated against equine encephalomyelitis of all types, African horse sickness and should originate from premises and administrative territories of free from the following diseases:

- Infectious equine encephalomyelitis of all types, equine viral arteritis, African horse sickness - during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- glanders – during the last 2 years in the country's territory;
- foot-and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, equine influenza – during the last 12 months in the country's territory;
- dourine, surra (*T. evansi*), pyroplasmosis (*B. cabani*) and nuttalliosis (*B. equi*) – during the last 12 months in the administrative territories (state, province, land, county etc.);
- contagious equine metritis – during the last 12 months in the premises;
- leptospirosis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine infectious anaemia and horse pox – during the last 3 months in the premises;
- anthrax – during the last 20 days in the premises.

The breeding thoroughbred shouldn't be subjected to the exposure of natural or synthetic estrogenic, hormonal substances and thyreostatics.

Horses chosen for export should not be fed with food, containing raw materials, produced through genetic engineering techniques and other genetically modified sources.

Animals selected for import to the Azerbaijan Republic are kept no less than 21 days in special quarantine facilities of the exporting country under the supervision of a representative of the state veterinary service of the exporting country. During the quarantine they are subjected to individual clinical examination with daily thermometry. In this period the diagnostic studies are carried out in the state veterinary laboratory by methods, recommended by the OIE for; glanders, dourine, surra (*T. evansi*), pyroplasmosis (*B. cabani*), nuttalliosis (*B. equi*), equine rhinopneumonitis, anaplasmosis, contagious equine metritis, equine infectious anaemia, equine viral arteritis, vesicular stomatitis and for other infectious diseases at the request of the importing country. Examination for diseases from which the exporting country is free, may be carried out or not if the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic or importing organization will make such decision.

Animals are vaccinated against equine influenza using inactivated vaccine. 2-14 days prior to the shipment to the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic, animals are subjected to the dehelminthization, acaricidal treatment and treatment against leptospirosis.

If positive reactions are found in animals during the period of quarantine by results of diagnostic studies (serological, allergic, etc.), it should be immediately brought to the notice of the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic which can make the decision on the carrying out of repeated studies or ban the import of the given animal or of all party of the animals which were in quarantine.

Means of transportation are treated and prepared according to the usual regulations of the exporting country.

Fulfilment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements, should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state 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 delivery to the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic and passing the state boundary veterinary checkpoint, animals are placed in quarantine for a period of 30 days in specially prepared premises. During this period necessary diagnostic studies, treatments and vaccination are carried out under the supervision of territorial Food Safety Agency. According to the anti-epizootic plan of actions for particular region, preventive immunization is carried out.