

# **PROPOSED QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ZOO PERISSODACTYLS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**

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These requirements apply to the importation non-domesticated animals of the Families Rhinocerotidae, Tapiridae and Equidae from the United States of America (USA) or Canada.

## **Conditions of Administration**

**1.** An Import Permit is required and must be applied for **prior** to importation. Permit [applications](#) must be sent with payment of \$A260 to Live Animal Imports – Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) Canberra, for assessment.

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**2.** A Quarantine Entry must be lodged for each consignment. The inspecting AQIS officer must be advised of the entry number prior to inspection.

**3.** It is the importer's responsibility to identify and to ensure compliance with all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. It is the importer's responsibility to arrange for any additional testing for genetic and endemic infectious diseases, or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain animal health zones within Australia.

**4.** The animal(s) must be accompanied by a copy of the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) permit and appropriate Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) documentation from the exporting country. Details are available from the Director, Sustainable Wildlife Industries, phone +61 2 6274 1111 or email [wildlifetrade@deh.gov.au](mailto:wildlifetrade@deh.gov.au) or the DEH website: <http://www.deh.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use>

**5.** During transport to the port of export, shipment, and transport from the port of importation to the post-arrival quarantine facility, the animal(s) must have no contact with animals not of the same consignment.

**6.** The use of hay or straw as bedding during transport by air is not permitted; treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft board may be used.

**7.** The importer, as listed on the Import Permit, or nominated agent, must be accessible to AQIS officers and accept responsibility for ensuring that all import conditions are met including the AQIS inspection.

**8.** Consignments must be addressed and sent to AQIS at the port of arrival.

**9.** The importer or agent must make an appointment for AQIS inspection of animal(s) and documentation. The importer or agent may be required to be present at this inspection. The consignment will be held by AQIS until completion of inspection. Fees are payable to AQIS for all services.

**10.** Consignments that do not meet the AQIS import conditions will remain in quarantine control, be re-exported or destroyed without recompense.

### **Format of the veterinary certificate**

**1.** A veterinary certificate that conforms to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Code) [Model International Veterinary Certificates](#) must accompany each consignment and must:

- be written in English, and a language understood by the Official Veterinarian of the country of export;
- meet all requirements of the “veterinary certification” section of these conditions;
- provide the identification for each animal, including description, species, sex and age and microchip number and site of implantation;
- include the name and address of the exporter and the address of the pre-export quarantine facility;
- include the name and address of the consignee;
- include the nature and identification of the means of transport.

**2.** An Official Veterinarian\* must sign, date and stamp (with the stamp of the government veterinary administration) each page of the veterinary certificate and all documents eg laboratory reports which form part of the extended health certification. The Official Veterinarian’s name, title and contact details must also appear.

**3.** AQIS will accept copies of documents where each page bears the original signature, date and stamp of the Official Veterinarian.

\* An *Official Veterinarian* is a veterinarian authorised by the *Veterinary Administration* of the exporting country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of Section 1.2. of the OIE Terrestrial Code.

### **Proposed Veterinary Certification for the importation of zoo perissodactyls from the USA and Canada**

#### **Certification**

**1.** The premises of origin is a government registered or licensed zoo or wildlife park located in a State or Province that has been free from vesicular stomatitis for the past three months, and is approved for the holding of non-domesticated animals, is under veterinary supervision, and implements a suitable health-monitoring program, including microbiological and parasitological tests and necropsies.

**2.** Each animal for export has been continuously resident in the premises of origin for at least 12 months prior to certification or since birth.

**3.** No case of African horse sickness, Rift Valley fever or Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has been reported in this country during the past 3 months.

4. No case of Borna disease, dourine, epizootic lymphangitis, equine piroplasmosis, glanders, heartwater, horse pox or trypanosomosis (*Trypanosoma evansi*, *T vivax*) has been diagnosed in any animal in the premises of origin during the past 12 months.
5. No case of equine infectious anaemia, equine influenza, equine viral encephalomyelitis or equine ehrlichiosis (*Ehrlichia risticii*, *E equi*) has been diagnosed in the past 3 months, and no case of bovine tuberculosis during the past 5 years, in any animal at the premises of origin of the same Family as the export animal/s.
6. Each animal that is a member of the Family Equidae has been vaccinated twice against equine influenza, and at least once against West Nile Virus, during the period between four months and 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export using vaccines approved for use in horses.
7. The animal/s was/were isolated from other animals not of the same health and residency status for 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export, and remained free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease during that period.
8. Each animal has been individually identified by frequency identification (RFID) with an ISO-compliant microchip (transponder), and the site of implantation and the identification number of each animal is recorded on the veterinary certificate.
9. At least 10 days after the commencement of the pre-export isolation period, samples were taken from each animal (other than unweaned animals less than 6 months old) and tested at a government-approved laboratory, with negative results, for equine piroplasmosis (*Babesia equi* and *B caballi*) by indirect fluorescent antibody test.
10. Each animal was treated for internal and external parasites (including ticks) with effective broad spectrum parasiticides twice during the 30 days prior to export at an interval of at least 14 days, and the dates of treatment, active ingredients and dose rates used are recorded for each animal in the individual health records attached to the veterinary certificate.
11. He/she or another Official Veterinarian has inspected each animal within 72 hours prior to export and found it to be healthy, free from external parasites and fit to travel.
12. After due enquiry he/she is satisfied that each animal will be shipped in a container that meets the appropriate container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.

### **Post-Arrival Quarantine (PAQ) requirements**

1. Quarantine means the holding of animals in a place and under conditions specified by AQIS pursuant to the *Quarantine Act 1908*.
2. On arrival in Australia, the animal/s must be transported to a quarantine approved premise (QAP) where it/they will be held for at least 30 days in post-arrival quarantine (PAQ).
3. During PAQ the animal/s is/are to be monitored daily for signs of illness and, if necessary, be examined by a veterinarian familiar with the species. If any animal dies during PAQ, AQIS must be promptly notified and the animal must be autopsied by a registered veterinarian to determine the cause of death. AQIS is to be promptly advised of any disease incident and its outcome.
4. Quarantine may be extended at the discretion of AQIS until any adverse events during the quarantine period are fully investigated and resolved.