

Animals and Birds (Importation) (Amendment) Order 1999

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ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAPTER 7)

ANIMALS AND BIRDS (IMPORTATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Animals and Birds Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Importation) (Amendment) Order 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1999.

Amendment of Schedule

2. The First Schedule to the Animals and Birds (Importation) Order (O 1) is amended by deleting items 11, 12, and 13 and substituting the following items:

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Animal or bird</i>	<i>Country or part of country from which animal</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Restrictions</i>

*or bird may be
imported*

11.
Horses

Argentina,
Australia,
Canada,
Denmark,
France, Hong
Kong SAR,
Japan, Ireland,
Malaysia, New
Zealand,
United Arab
Emirates,
United
Kingdom
(Great Britain
and Northern
Ireland) and
United States
of America.

Racing, polo or
equestrian

1. Each horse shall be accompanied by an equine passport or equivalent thereof, which is approved by the Director, and a veterinary health certificate dated not more than 7 days prior to export and signed or endorsed by the competent veterinary authority of the country of export describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification, and the name and address of the premises of origin of each horse, and certifying to the effect that —

(a) the country of export has been free from African horse sickness for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in that country against this disease;

(b) the country of export has been free from Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in that country against this disease, or no case of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred in the country of export for the last 2 years prior to the date of export;

(c) the country of export has been free from Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis for the last 2 years prior to the date of

export, and no vaccination is permitted in that country against these diseases, or the horse has been vaccinated within 12 months but not within 30 days of export against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis with inactivated vaccines approved by the veterinary authority of the country of export;

(d) the country of export has been free from glanders for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, or the horse was tested with mallein with negative results within 15 days of export;

(e) the country of export has been free from trypanosomes for the last 12 months prior to the date of export, or the horse was tested for *Trypanosoma evansi* by inoculation of whole blood into mice or rats and examined by Giemsa-stained blood smears every alternate day for a period of 28 days with negative results within 30 days of export, and for *Trypanosoma equiperdum* by the complement fixation test with negative results within 15 days of export;

(f) the country of export has been free from contagious equine metritis for the last 12 months prior to the date of export, or the horse has never been mated or is gelded or was tested for contagious equine metritis by 3 samples taken at intervals not less than 7 days apart for

bacterial culture with negative results within 30 days of export;

(g) country of export has been free from equine infectious anaemia for the last 12 months prior to the date of export, or the horse was tested for equine infectious anaemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggin's) test with negative results within 30 days of export;

(h) the country of export has been free from equine viral arteritis for the last 12 months prior to the date of export, or the horse was tested for equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation tests with negative results, or with stable or declining antibody titres at dilution of 1 in 4 within 15 days of export;

(i) the country of export has been free from equine piroplasmosis for the past 12 months, or the horse was subjected to a fluorescent antibody test for equine piroplasmosis with negative results within 30 days of export;

(j) the country of export has been free from rabies in the past 2 years, or —

(i) during the 6 months prior to the export, the horse has not suffered from or been exposed to nor been in premises infected

with rabies; and

(ii) the horse has not been vaccinated against rabies or was vaccinated against rabies using an approved vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to the export;

(k) no case of Hendra-virus infection has been reported in horses in the country of export for the last 12 months prior to the date of export, or no case of Hendra-virus infection has been reported in horses in the country of export in the past 3 months prior to the date of export and the horse has been tested for Hendra-virus infection by ELISA test with negative results within 15 days of export;

(l) no case of Hendra-like (Nipah)-virus infection has been reported in horses in the country of export for the last 2 years prior to the date of export, or no case of Hendra-like (Nipah)-virus infection has been reported in horses in the country of export for the past 6 months or such other period as may be specified by the Director, prior to the date of export and the horse has undergone 2 weeks' pre-export isolation at premises approved by the Director and tested during such pre-export isolation for Hendra-like (Nipah)-virus