



**GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS  
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**CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EQUINE SPECIES(horse/ donkey /  
mule) INTO THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

- 1. Animal (s) must be accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by the \*Veterinary Authority of the country of origin stating: -**
  - a) That animal(s) has/have been in country of export for at least 60 days preceding export; otherwise the exact time that animal(s) has/have been in that country must be specified and copies of all relevant documents must be presented at port of entry.**
  - b) That the horse/donkey/mule is healthy and showing no signs of infectious or contagious disease.**
  - c) That the country of origin/export has been free from Vesicular diseases for at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of exportation.**
  - d) So far as it has been possible to determine no case of Dourine (Mal de Coit), Mal de Caderas, Glanders (Farcy), Epizootic Lymphangitis, Ulcerative Lymphangitis, Equine Influenza, Equine Infectious Anemia, African Horse Sickness, Equine Encephalomyelitis or Mange has occurred in the premises from which the horse(s) originated or at any place within 15 miles therefore, during 60 days prior to the date of exportation that there have been no cases of Rabies on premises or any place within 15 miles therefore, during 6 months prior to the date of expiration.**
  - e) That the horse/donkey/mule has been inoculated against Equine Rhinopneumonitis and Equine influenza.**
  - f) That the horse/donkey/mule has been subjected to the Mallien or Complement Fixation test for Glanders Disease, the Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia, and Dourine with negative results within 60 days prior to export.**
  - g) That the animal(s) has/have been swabbed on three occasions at intervals of 7 days for Contagious Equine Metritis with negative results on each occasion.**

- h) That the horse/donkey/mule has been treated for external and internal parasites within 7 days of export.**
  - i) That animal(s) was/were kept in a facility frequently visited by a veterinarian and certified to be acceptable standards.**
- 2. Animals must be clinically healthy on arrival.**
- 3. All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. Failure to comply can result in animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**
- 4. The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 24 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delays in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.**
- 5. There is a fee of \$50.00 for each animal issued an import permit.**
- 6. Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the territory. Failure to do so can result in entry being denied.**

**\* An Official Health Certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the Government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.)**

**These conditions are subject to changes. Kindly ensure that you obtain an import permit for all animals you wish to bring into the Territory.**