

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 13 February 2014

amending Decision 93/195/EEC as regards animal health and veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export to Mexico and amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Mexico in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised

(notified under document C(2014) 692)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/86/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 90/425/EEC⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 17(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2009/156/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing the movement and importation from third countries of equidae⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) and (4), and the introductory phrase and points (a) and (b) of Article 19 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2009/156/EC lays down animal health conditions for the importation into the Union of live equidae. In accordance with Article 13(1)(a) one of the conditions for the authorisation of imports of equidae into the Union is that the third country has been free from Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for a period of two years.
- (2) Commission Decision 93/195/EEC⁽³⁾ provides models of health certificates for the re-entry of registered horses after temporary export to participate in racing, competition or cultural events.
- (3) Commission Decision 2004/211/EC⁽⁴⁾ establishes a list of third countries, or parts thereof where regionalisation applies, from which Member States are to authorise the

importation of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos thereof. That list is set out in Annex I to that Decision.

- (4) Commission Implementing Decision 2013/167/EU⁽⁵⁾ amending the list in Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC provides that temporary admission of registered horses, re-entry after temporary export of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events, imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production, and imports of semen, ova and embryos of the equine species from Mexico are currently not authorised.
- (5) The Commission has received a risk assessment carried out by the French competent authorities relating to the re-entry of horses scheduled for temporary export to Mexico-City (Mexico). That assessment contains comprehensive details of the biosecurity measures applied by the Théâtre équestre Zingaro for the protection of the health status of their horses during their residence in Mexico-City as well as the quarantine measures imposed by the French competent authorities on those horses upon their return.
- (6) Given the degree of veterinary supervision, the agreed routine health checks and the separation from equidae of lower health status, it is possible to lay down specific animal health and the veterinary certification conditions for the re-entry of these horses after their temporary export for a period of less than 90 days to participate in specific equestrian cultural events in Mexico-City.
- (7) Decision 93/195/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) Since the measures provided for in this Decision concern only a region of high altitude and during dry and tempered winter season with a reduced risk of vector born transmission of vesicular stomatitis or certain subtypes of Venezuelan equine encephalitis, the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export for a period of less than

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 192, 23.7.2010, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision 93/195/EEC of 2 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export (OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Decision 2004/211/EC of 6 January 2004 establishing the list of third countries and parts of territory thereof from which Member States authorise imports of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species, and amending Decisions 93/195/EEC and 94/63/EC (OJ L 73, 11.3.2004, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/167/EU of 3 April 2013 amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for Mexico in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised (OJ L 95, 5.4.2013, p. 19).

90 days to the Metropolitan area of Mexico-City, a region in which Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not been reported for more than 2 years, should be authorised.

- (9) The entry for that third country in Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC should therefore be amended.
- (10) Decision 2004/211/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/195/EEC is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 1, the following indent is added:

— have taken part in specific cultural events in the Metropolitan area of Mexico-City and meet the requirements

laid down in a health certificate drawn up in accordance with the model health certificate set out in Annex X to this Decision.;

- (2) a new Annex X is added as set out in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 February 2014.

For the Commission

Tonio BORG

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

ANNEX X

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for re-entry into the Union of registered horses after temporary export to Mexico for less than 90 days to participate in specific cultural events in the Metropolitan area of Mexico-City

Certificate No:

Specific event:

Presentations by the Théâtre équestre Zingaro in the Metropolitan area of Mexico-City, Mexico, in 2014

Third country of dispatch: Mexico

Responsible ministry: (insert name of Ministry)

I. Identification of the horse

(a) No of identification document:

(b) Validated by: (name of competent authority)

II. Origin of the horse

The horse is to be sent from: (place of consignment)

to: (place of destination)

by air: (flight number)

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

III. Health information

I, the undersigned, certify that the horse described above meets the following requirements:

- (a) it comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis (of all types including Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis), equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, anthrax;
(b) it has been examined today and shows no clinical signs of disease (1);
(c) it is not intended for slaughter under a national programme of infectious or contagious disease eradication;
(d) since its entry into the country of dispatch, it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision situated in the country or, in the case of official regionalisation according to Union legislation, in the part of the territory of the country listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2004/211/EC (2), and was accommodated in separated stables without coming into contact with equidae of lower health status;
(e) it comes from the territory or, in the case of official regionalisation according to Union legislation, from a part of the territory of a third country in which:
(i) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the last two years;
(ii) dourine has not occurred during the last six months;
(iii) glanders has not occurred during the last six months;
(f) it does not come from the territory or from a part of the territory of a third country considered, in accordance with Union legislation, as infected with African horse sickness;
(g) it does not come from a holding which was subject to a prohibition order for animal health reasons nor had contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to prohibition order for animal health reasons which laid down the following conditions:

- (j) if not all animals of species susceptible to one or more of the diseases referred to hereinafter were removed from the holding, the prohibition lasted for:
- six months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the date on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered or removed from the premises,
 - a period required to carry out two Coggins tests three months apart giving negative results on samples taken from the animals remaining after infected animals have been slaughtered, in the case of equine infectious anaemia,
 - one month from the last recorded case, in the case of rabies,
 - 15 days from the last recorded case, in the case of anthrax;
- (ii) if all the animals of species susceptible to the disease have been slaughtered or removed from the holding, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, or 15 days in the case of anthrax, beginning on the day on which the premises were cleaned and disinfected following the destruction or removal of the animals;
- (h) it comes from a holding which
- (i) either was not subject to a prohibition order for vesicular stomatitis and the animal had no contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to such prohibition order during the past six months⁽³⁾; or
- (ii) was free of vesicular stomatitis during the 30 days prior to dispatch and on which the animal was protected from vector insects during the 30 days prior to dispatch and where it underwent one of the following health tests carried out on a blood sample taken not earlier than 21 days after the commencement of the vector protection period:
- a virus neutralisation test giving a negative result at a serum dilution of 1 in 12⁽²⁾,
 - a serological test carried out and giving a negative result in accordance with point B(2) of Chapter 2.1.19 of the Manual for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)⁽³⁾;
- (i) to the best of my knowledge, it has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the 15 days prior to this declaration.

IV. Residence and quarantine information:

- (a) The horse entered the territory of Mexico on (*insert date*).
- (b) The horse arrived in the country of dispatch from a Member State of the European Union.
- (c) As far as can be ascertained, the horse has not been continuously outside the European Union for 90 days or more, including the date of scheduled return in accordance with this certificate, and has not been outside the country referred to in point (a) above.

V. The horse will be sent in a vehicle cleaned and disinfected in advance with a disinfectant officially recognised in the country of dispatch and designed in a way that droppings, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

VI. The certificate is valid for 10 days and until 15 April 2014.

Date	Place	Stamp and signature of the official veterinarian ⁽¹⁾

Name in block capitals and capacity.

⁽¹⁾ The colour of the stamp and the signature must be different from that of the printing.

⁽¹⁾ This certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the animal for dispatch to the European Union or on the last working day before embarkation.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2004/211/EC of 6 January 2004 establishing the list of third countries and parts of territory thereof from which Member States authorise imports of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species, and amending Decisions 93/195/EEC and 94/63/EC (OJ L 73, 11.3.2004, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Delete as appropriate.

ANNEX II

In Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC the entry for Mexico is replaced by the following:

MX	Mexico	MX-0	Whole country	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		MX-1	Metropolitan area of Mexico-City	D	—	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Valid until 15 April 2014'