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Screwworm and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) requirements for horses competing in the Longines Global Champions Tour in Morocco and/or Saudi Arabia prior to export to the United States (September – December 2024)

This notice applies to horses that temporarily reside in countries which APHIS considers screwworm affected (Saudi Arabia) and/or FMD affected (Morocco and Saudi Arabia), then reside in countries which APHIS considers screwworm and FMD free, within the 60 days immediately preceding export to the United States for competition in the 2024 Longines Global Champions Tour. See also APHIS [Animal Health Status of Regions](#).

Saudi Arabia—APHIS consider Saudi Arabia to be affected with both screwworm and FMD. Horses that have resided in Saudi Arabia that are found to be free of screwworm after residing in a European Union (EU) Member State and/or the United Kingdom (UK) for a minimum of 7 days preceding export to the United States may qualify for a 3-day Federal import quarantine upon arrival, provided that the following statement appears on the export health certificate endorsed by an official veterinarian of the Competent Veterinary Authority (CVA) or the attached certificate addendum titled “Screwworm and FMD Declaration – Addendum 2024 – Longines Special Events” endorsed by the same entity:

APHIS recognizes _____(country name) to be free of Screwworm and Foot and Mouth Disease AND after residing for a minimum of seven (7) days prior to export to the United States, the horse including the external genitalia, has been thoroughly examined by an official veterinarian or an authorized veterinarian acting on behalf of the official veterinarian and was found free of Screwworm.

If a screwworm examination and certification is not completed as above, horses must complete a 7-day Federal import quarantine upon arrival to the United States.

Morocco—APHIS considers Morocco to be affected with FMD but not screwworm. Horses that have resided in Morocco only (not Saudi Arabia) that are found to be free of FMD after residing in a EU Member State and/or the UK for a minimum of 5 days preceding export to the United States may qualify for a 3-day Federal import quarantine without additional decontamination procedures needed prior to departure and upon arrival, provided that the following statement appears on the export health certificate endorsed by an official veterinarian of the CVA or the attached addendum titled “Screwworm and FMD Declaration – Addendum 2024 – Longines Special Events” endorsed by the same entity:

APHIS recognizes _____(country name) to be free of Foot and Mouth Disease AND the horse has resided for a minimum of five (5) days prior to export to the United States.

If horses do not reside in an FMD free country for a minimum of 5 days preceding export to the United States, additional requirements must be satisfied; please reach out to Dr. Tumelty.

Horses seeking import into the United States must meet requirements of all foreign animal diseases of concern of each country as specified in the import permit. For more information, questions, or concerns, please contact Dr. Iwona Tumelty (Iwona.Tumelty@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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