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**Screwworm and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Requirements for Horses competing in the Longines League of Nations in Ocala in 2025**

This notice applies to horses that temporarily resided in countries which APHIS recognizes as screwworm and FMD affected (i.e., the United Arab Emirates; UAE), then reside in countries which APHIS recognizes as either screwworm and FMD free (i.e., the United Kingdom and/or European Union (EU) Member States *except* Germany) or screwworm free and FMD affected (i.e., Germany), within the 60 days immediately preceding export to the United States for competition in the 2025 Longines League of Nations in Ocala, Florida in March.

Screwworm requirements: Horses that have resided in the UAE that are examined and found to be free of screwworm after residing in a EU Member State and/or the United Kingdom for a minimum of 7 days immediately preceding export to the United States may qualify for a 3-day federal import quarantine period upon arrival provided that the following statement appears on the issued export health certificate, or on the issued attached addendum titled “Screwworm and FMD Declaration Addendum Longines Ocala 2025” and the addendum is endorsed by an official veterinarian of the National Government:

*The horse has resided in a country or countries that APHIS recognizes as free of screwworm (country name(s) \_\_\_\_\_) for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days after residing in a country that APHIS considers to be affected with screwworm AND 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 screwworm examination and certification is not completed as above, horses must complete a 7-day federal import quarantine upon arrival to the United States.

FMD requirements: Horses that reside in the United Kingdom or a EU Member State other than Germany for a minimum of 5 days after residing in the UAE or Germany may export to the United States without additional FMD mitigations, provided that the following statement appears on the issued export health certificate or on the attached addendum endorsed by an official veterinarian of the National Government:

*The horse has resided in a country or countries (country name(s) \_\_\_\_\_) that APHIS recognizes as free of FMD for a minimum of 5 consecutive days after residing in a country that APHIS considers FMD affected.*

Horses that do not meet the above criterion must undergo the additional FMD mitigations specified below immediately prior to export, as captured in the issued export health certificate or on the issued attached addendum endorsed by an official veterinarian of the National Government:

*The horse has resided in a country that APHIS considers affected with FMD within the five (5) days immediately preceding export to the United States AND*

- a. The horse has not been on any premises or quarantined area identified to be affected with FMD, nor has the horse been in direct contact with domestic or wild animals, including ruminants or swine, that have been in an FMD region or on an FMD affected or quarantined premises.*
- b. The following procedures were performed in the exporting country prior to loading for departure:*
  - i. The horse was groomed to remove dirt and debris, and subsequently wiped, sprayed and/or sponged down with vinegar or a solution of 6.5 ounces of concentrated glacial acetic acid in 1 gallon of water or another approved disinfectant.*
  - ii. The horse's hooves were cleaned and disinfected with a 4% sodium carbonate (soda ash) solution or Virkon S in a manner to ensure that the hooves are free of dirt, manure and debris.*
  - iii. Prior to loading the horse, all crates and transportation vehicles were cleaned and disinfected with an approved product.*
  - iv. Any equipment (tack, blankets, sheets, leg wraps, etc.) accompanying the horse has been laundered or cleaned to remove dirt and debris prior to disinfection with an approved product.*
  - v. The equipment was cleaned and disinfected with a 4% sodium carbonate (soda ash) solution immediately prior to shipment. The disinfectant used will have removed the risk of this equipment transmitting the foot-and mouth disease virus.*

For more information, questions, or concerns, please contact [LAIPolicy@usda.gov](mailto:LAIPolicy@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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