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Animal Health (Importation of Miscellaneous Goods and Animals) (Jersey) Order 2017

General Licence: To import horses from the EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway except for Germany, Hungary and Slovakia

General Licence: JSY/P/25/002

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The Minister for the Environment in accordance with the terms of the Animal Health (Importation of Miscellaneous Goods and Animals) (Jersey) Order 2017, Article 3 hereby authorises the import of horses from the European Union, (except for Germany, Hungary, Slovakia) and from Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway:

Following confirmation of Foot and Mouth Disease in Germany on Friday 10 January 2025 and on 6 March in Hungary and Slovakia no horse imports from German, Hungary and Slovakia are permitted until this licence is revoked or amended. Any horses that left Germany on Friday 10 January 2025, and on 6 March in Hungary and Slovakia or after those dates and are in another country cannot use this general licence to import a horse into Jersey. Importers must apply to the States Veterinary Officer for a specific licence to import a horse.

Importers must comply with the following conditions:

1. The animal health and welfare section of Natural Environment must be notified in writing, of the exact date and time of import at least 1 working day prior to arrival. The notification form* should be emailed to Pets@gov.je (see point 9 in the notes below).
2. A copy of the signed veterinary certificate should be sent with the notification at least 1 working day prior to arrival to facilitate clearance, and in any event must be sent prior to arrival, to Pets@gov.je
3. The following documents must accompany the animal(s) at the time of importation and must be retained by the importer for 12 months after import:
 - a) A copy of this licence
 - b) A horse passport
 - c) An original signed veterinary certificate

4. The animal(s) to be imported must be clearly and permanently identified and comply with national requirements for import in the UK or Island Authority. Tattoos are not acceptable.
5. The transport vehicle must be cleansed to remove all visible organic matter and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by Defra before loading the animals.
6. Before the animal(s) are loaded onto the vehicle, and the trailer has been cleaned and disinfected as required (point 5) the horse box must be sprayed with a pyrethroid/pyrethrin-based insecticide, allow to dry and then load the horses. After the horses have reached their destination, repeat the same cleaning and insecticide spraying process. Avoid, if at all possible, loading horses at the times of the day when *Culicoides* are most active - this is two hours either side of dusk and dawn and minimise stopping time when in transit.
7. During transport the imported animal(s) must not come into contact with animals that are not certified as being of the same health status.
8. Landing must take place at the Port of St Helier.
9. Immediately after landing, the imported animal(s) must be removed direct to their agreed declared destination and remain for 48 hours.

* a notification form can be requested from the department or is available on our website www.gov.je/equine

This licence revokes all previously issued licences to import horses into Jersey.

Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016

You must also comply with Article 25 – (Requirements for General Licences)

- (1) Where a licence is granted under any relevant legislation it must be in writing and may be –
- (a) either of general application (a “**general licence**”) or specific to any particular animal, bird, person, premises or any other thing or particular situation (a “specific licence”);
 - (b) subject to conditions; and
 - (c) amended, suspended or revoked in writing at any time.
- (2) (This paragraph has been deleted as it refers to “specific licences”)
- (3) A person moving an animal, bird or thing under the authority of a **general licence** must –
- (a) at all times during the movement, carry a document containing details of –
 - (i) what is being transported, including the quantity,
 - (ii) the date of the movement,
 - (iii) the names of the persons responsible for the animal, bird or thing being moved at the place of departure and the place of destination,
 - (iv) the addresses of the place of departure and the place of destination;
 - (b) when so demanded by an inspector, produce the document and allow a copy to be taken of it or details to be extracted from it; and state which general licence gives the authority for the movement; and
 - (c) retain the documentation relating to each movement for at least 6 months after the last movement made under its authority.
- (4) If an animal, bird or thing has been moved to premises under a licence, an inspector may serve a notice on the occupier of those premises imposing such restrictions in relation to the premises as the inspector considers are necessary to reduce the risk of spreading disease.

(5) A person to whom a licence is granted under any relevant legislation must comply with any conditions of the licence.

Ashley Pinel, Senior Scientific Officer / States Veterinary Assistant

Notes – these notes are not part of the licence

1. Licences granted under the Order must be in writing and may, in addition to any conditions required by the Order, be made subject to such conditions as the Minister considers necessary to protect animal health.
2. Any person to whom a requirement in a licence under the Order applies must:
 - a. comply with the licence requirement, and
 - b. comply with any reasonable requests which an inspector may make of them to ensure the requirement is met.
3. If a person contravenes any provision of the Order or condition of this licence an inspector may take such steps as he or she considers necessary to ensure that the provision is not further contravened or that its requirements are carried out. The Minister may reclaim the cost of any steps so taken from the person who contravened the requirement and enforce the claim as a debt owed to the Minister.
4. The cost of pre-export and post-import disease testing, veterinary certification, post-import isolation and transport will be at the importer's expense.
5. An Official Veterinarian is a Veterinary Surgeon who has been appointed by the States Veterinary Officer to carry out official checks.
6. "working day" means any day, other than – a Saturday or Sunday; Christmas Day or Good Friday; or a day that is a public holiday.
7. In the case of any non-compliance following post-import checks, it shall be the owner's responsibility to contact the States Veterinary Officer to offer an explanation. **Where such an explanation is not satisfactory the consignment may be re-exported or slaughtered and disposed of at the importer's expense.**
8. **Animals which develop disease or prove positive to tests, carried out during the period of post-import isolation, and all other animals within the isolation group, may be required to be tested, treated or slaughtered and disposed of, as directed by the States Veterinary Officer, at the importer's expense and is not eligible for compensation.**
9. Importers are encouraged to complete the notification form online as in time the paper version may not be accepted.
10. Midges (Culicoides species) are potential vectors for certain animal diseases such as Bluetongue & Schmallenberg Virus. To reduce the risk of inadvertently bringing potentially infected midges to Jersey in vehicles when importing livestock, it is a licence condition that the vehicles are sprayed before animals are loaded for transport to Jersey. No products are specifically licensed for repelling or killing midges. We are following advice from the Institute of Animal Health, Pirbright, UK.