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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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दिनांक / Dated the 13th August, 2025.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

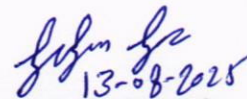
Subject: Submission of filled in proforma for notifying new NTMs-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Standard Operating Procedures for non-tariff measures issued by the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) and to enclose filled in proforma for new NTMs: the supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries number G.S.R. 752(E), dated the 5th October, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated 8th October, 2012.

2. The comments, if any may please be forwarded to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of issuance of this letter. In absence of receipt of any comments, the said NTM may be notified by publication in the Gazette of India for implementation.

3. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Enclosures: As above.


13-08-2025

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1. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, DAHD.
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3. NIC, DAHD with a request to upload on the Department website.

Proforma for submission of new NTMs

Note: This proforma to be appended with each NTM identified for customs enforcement individually.

Name of issuing agency:		MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING)
NTM classification per UNCTAD Standard:		Chapter A on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
Submitted date to Director (Customs)/ NCTF:		13 August, 2025
#	Questions	Answers by PGAs
1.	Please give (or append) the text of the measure. When is it to enter into force? Please note enforcement of the NTM shall apply only to Bills of Entry filed on the date indicated or subsequent period.	Draft Notification is appended. Date enforcement of the NTM: Only to Bills of Entry filed after 60 days of date of Notification into Gazette of India.
2	Please identify the NTM category of the measure (Refer Annexure II)	Chapter A on sanitary and phytosanitary measures
3	Please specify as precisely as possible what product or category of products are concerned, using the HS system.	Live Equine under HS01.
4	What is the legal nature of the measure? (regulation, executive order etc.)?	Regulation
5	Is the information contained in the NTM confidential in nature, barring its publication prior entry into force?	No
6	Is the measure accessible to users? How? Is it intended to be available online? If yes, please provide the specific web address.	Regulation will be published on the Departmental website; http://dahd.nic.in/trade
7	What is the legal compliance required of traders (importers or exporters) to be in compliance with the measure?	Sanitary compliance by the exporters
8	How is compliance with the measure verified? Please explain the entire procedure, including each step?	The requisites documents have to be uploaded on Custom's IceGate by the importers while filing Bill of Entry. Regional Officer / Quarantine Officer, Animal Quarantine

		and Certification Services will verify the same for compliance.
9	Is there a risk management at the border, which allows your agency to selectively interdict incoming/ outgoing cargo?	Yes.
10	Is a breach by the trader under the appended NTM remediable? <i>For e.g.:</i> <i>If a good is not labelled, can labelling be allowed pre- clearance?</i> <i>If a registration with some authority was required to be obtained and it is not available at the time of import, could Customs allow the goods to be warehoused pending such registration?</i>	In the absence of requisite documents issued by official authority of exporting country with the consignment, the consignment shall be deported.
11	How long, on an average, is it proposed to take to be granted a permit (if applicable)? Is there a transparent, publicly available timeline?	N.A.
12	Was there a consultation process followed prior to entry into force?	In line with extant / upgraded recommendations by International Standard Setting Body i.e. World Organization for Animal Health.
13	Does the measure have a sunset clause?	No
14	Does the NTM, impact an existing measure which is in force? If yes, please identify such measure and explain the impact on the existing measure?	Yes. Supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries number G.S.R. 752(E), dated the 5 th October, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated 8 th October, 2012.

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRAORDINARY,
PART-II, SECTION-3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING)

Draft Notification

New Delhi, the August, 2025.

G.S.R.(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India, in the erstwhile Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries vide number G.S.R. 752(E), dated the 5th October, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated 8th October, 2012 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby regulates the import of horse or other equidae into India in the manner laid down in the Schedule as under:-

Schedule

1. **General Requirement:-** The horse or other equidae shall be accompanied with a valid passport or if the horse or other equid is not originating from countries not issuing passport, it must be accompanied by a complete history sheet with an identification certificate duly authenticated by an official veterinarian of the exporting country.

2. In the case of thoroughbred horses, import shall be allowed for the purpose of breeding, polo and sports only and not for purpose of racing.

3. **Testing Requirement:-** (1) The horse or other equidae shall be tested during pre-export quarantine for applicable diseases through the diagnostic test as mentioned in the table, in the form, prior to the export.

(2) The horse or other equidae shall be imported only through the International airports at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru or any other airports notified by the Central Government from time to time.

(3) The importer shall submit all the test reports after completion of the tests indicated in the Table, in the form along with a copy of veterinary health certificate to the Regional Officer or Quarantine Officer of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services attached to the airports, seven days prior to the embarkment and shall obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC).

(4) The horse or other equidae shall be allowed to disembark only on the receipt of an original No Objection Certificate (NOC).

4. Special Requirement:- No horse or other equidae shall be imported into the country unless certified by a certificate of veterinary health in English language signed by an official veterinarian licensed and accredited by the exporting state or country in which a physical examination of the same was made as per the form annexed to this notification.

FORM

(a) General Information:

Name and address of the Consignor:	Certificate reference No.
	Veterinary Authority:
Name and address of the Consignee:	
Country of Origin:	
Country of Destination:	
Name and address of the establishment or farms (by whatever name called) specify the duration of stay of the horse or other equidae with exact dates:	
Date of shipment: (specify flight number and date of journey. If there is break in journey, indicate the details of break journey)	
Details of the official veterinarian who have examined the horse or other equidae:	
Details of the date of examination, the number of the horse or other equidae examined:	
Details of the establishment or premises at which the horse or other equidae were examined:	
Purpose of Import:	
Import License number and date: (Issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade)	

(b) Details of the horse or other equidae

Species	Breed	Name and Microchip number	Sex	Age/Date of Birth	Passport No. and Passport issuing authority	Sire	Dam

(c) Diagram, marks and description of the horse or other equidae:

(written description shall agree with the diagram of the horse or other equidae)

Certificate of Health

The undersigned hereby certifies that the horse or other equidae described above has been examined on this day and certifies that:-

1 (i) the horse or other equidae is free from African Horse Sickness Virus (AHSV) for the last two years of shipment;

(ii) the(name of the country) is free from African Horse Sickness Virus (AHSV) for the last two years preceding the export as per WOA listing, when African Horse sickness (AHS) is a notifiable disease in the whole country, systematic vaccination is prohibited, importation of equids and their semen, oocytes or embryos are carried out in accordance with Chapter 12.1 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code of World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH);

(iii) the horse or other equidae have not travelled to or through any country infected with African Horse Sickness during the preceding two years preceding the exportation;

(iv) the horse or other equidae have not shown any clinical sign of African Horse Sickness (AHS) on the date of exportation;

(v) the horse or other equidae was protected from Culicoides attacks at all times when transiting through an infected zone;

(vi) the horse or other equidae have not been vaccinated against African Horse Sickness (AHS) forty days immediately preceding the exportation.

(vii) the horse or other equidae have not travelled to or through any country infected with African Horse Sickness for the last two years preceding the exportation

(2)*the horse or other equidae shows no clinical signs or symptoms of any infectious or contagious diseases related to the equidae on the day of shipment including Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), Japanese Encephalitis, Dourine, Equine Herpes Virus1, Equine Viral Arteritis, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis and Glanders.

(3) (i) **the country of origin has been free from Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) for the last two years preceding the exportation as per WOA listing.

or

(ii) **the horse or other equidae has been kept in an establishment (name of the establishment) and herd since birth or for at least two years prior to shipment that has been free from infection with *Taylorella equigenitalis* (Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM))

or

i. kept for at least the last 60 days in a herd and establishment in which no case has been reported during that period;

ii. subjected to tests for the detection of the agent, with negative results, carried out on samples collected on three occasions within a 12-day period, with an interval of no less than three days between sample collections, the last one being carried out within 30 days prior to shipment. Horses have not been treated with antibiotics for at least 7 days nor subjected to antiseptic washing of genital mucous membranes for at least 21 days prior to the first sample collection, and have not been mated or inseminated after the first sampling.

and

in case of non-pregnant mares at least one of these three samples must be taken during oestrus, in an approved pre-export Government Quarantine station within the pre-export quarantine period of 30 days

and

the horse or other equidae have had no contact with Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) indirectly, by passing through an infected establishment.

(**Strike off if inapplicable)

(4) the horse or other equidae has been kept in establishment for three months preceding the date of exportation, where no infectious or contagious diseases of Equidae including Equine herpes Virus 1, Glanders, Epizootic Lymphangitis, Ulcerative Lymphangitis, Trypanosomiasis, Dourine, Equine Piroplasmiasis, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Encephalomyelitis (including Eastern and Western encephalitis), Venezuelan Encephalomyelitis, Equine Influenza, Equine Infectious Anaemia, Potomac Horse Fever, West Nile Virus infection and Vesicular Stomatitis has not been reported and no such disease have been occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time.

(5) the horse or other equidae has been vaccinated with Equine Influenza virus vaccine and the last such vaccination shall not be less than fourteen days immediately preceding the exportation.

(6) the horse or other equidae has been found to be free from ectoparasites and have been treated with antihelminths.

(7) the horse or other equidae being exported has been kept in pre-export isolation of at least 30 days in an approved Government quarantine station and subjected to the following tests in Table with negative results:

TABLE

Disease (1)	Diagnostic Test (2)	Condition (3)
Glanders	Complement Fixation Test (CFT)	During fifteen days immediately preceding exportation.
Dourine	Complement Fixation Test (CFT)	During fifteen days immediately preceding exportation.
Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)	Coggins (Immunodiffusion) Test	During thirty days immediately preceding exportation.
Infectious Equine Abortion (Salmonella abortus equi)	Serum Agglutination Test (titre not greater than one or three thousand)	During fifteen days immediately preceding exportation.
Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)	Virus isolation or PCR	Two occasions at least fourteen days apart with negative result during twenty eight days immediately preceding exportation.
Vesicular Stomatitis	Complement Fixation Test (CFT) or Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)	At least twenty one days after the commencement of pre-export quarantine
Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)	Culture of Micro-organisms	horses or other equidae, stallions and pregnant mares are subjected to tests for the detection of the agent (Bacterial isolation and identification), with negative results, carried out on samples collected on three occasions within a 12-day period, with an interval of no less than three days between sample collections, the last one being carried out within 30 days prior to shipment. Horses have not been treated with antibiotics for at least 7 days nor subjected to antiseptic washing of genital mucous membranes for at least 21 days prior to the first sample collection, and have not been mated or inseminated after the first sampling. And, in case of non-pregnant mares at least one of these three samples must be taken during oestrus, in an approved pre-export Government Quarantine station within the pre-

		export quarantine period of 30 days.
Equine Piroplasmosis (Babesia equi and Babesia caballi)	PCR	During thirty days immediately preceding exportation.
Hendra and Nipah virus	Real Time RT- PCR	During twenty one days immediately preceding exportation.
West Nile Virus	Nested RT-PCR or Real Time RT-PCR or Virus isolation in tissue culture.	To be tested negative seven to ten days immediately preceding exportation.
Japanese Encephalitis	Real Time RT- PCR	To be tested negative seven days immediately preceding exportation.
Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis	RT-PCR	Not less than fourteen days after the commencement of pre-export quarantine.
Equine Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1)	PCR	During thirty days immediately preceding exportation

N.B.: (i) No Testing is necessary in respect of such diseases for which freedom status has been certified as per WOAHP listing.

(ii) Date of testing shall also be specified against each test.

(8) all feed and bedding supplied for the horses during the period of quarantine and transportation were fresh, clean and hygienic.

(9) the horse was transported using stalls, vehicles, vessels or aircrafts disinfected in advance in a manner officially approved by the competent authority in the country of dispatch. Throughout the transport to the port of entry in India, the horse did not come in contact with equidae of a lesser health status or with livestock animals that are not quarantined in the same pre-export isolation and not accompanied by the same certificate.

(10) the horses or other equidae were protected from insect vectors during pre-export quarantine and transportation from pre-export establishment to place of shipment directly. In case of emergency stopovers, the horse will not normally be removed from its stall.

Signature _____

Place:

Name and address of the Official Veterinarian

Date:

(Official Stamp)

(The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing)

***For advance NOC within 7 days of shipment: the OVHC without date of shipment examination may be accepted. However, the equid(s) shall be examined on the day of shipment and the date shall be mentioned in the final OVHC).**

Post-import Quarantine:

(i) On arrival in India, the consignment of horses or other equidae shall be examined as per the guidelines and procedure for import of livestock mentioned in the extant Notification S.O. 1495 (E) and 1496 (E), dated 10.6.2014.

(ii) Hay, bedding material, feed/fodder available in horse air float shall not be allowed to disembark with the equine and shall be send back to the country of origin along with air float or destroyed at the quarantine station.

(iii) The horse or other equidae shall be kept in quarantine for minimum period of twenty one days at the Government Quarantine Station. In case of adverse clinical observations and long term treatment (more than 3 days) of equine during quarantine, the opinion and/or examination by ICAR- NRCE, Hisar shall be taken. In case of death of the equine during quarantine observation, the post-mortem shall be conducted and samples shall be sent to ICAR-NRCE, Hisar for detailed examination and scientific disposal of carcass and animal waste shall be carried out in the quarantine station including disinfection.

(iv) During the quarantine period, the horse or other equidae shall be subjected to standard culture and serological examination for AHS (Real-time RT-PCR), EVA(Virus isolation or PCR), Glanders (CFT), CEM (Bacterial isolation and identification), EIA (Coggins), Dourine (CFT) and WNV (Nested RT-PCR or Real Time RT-PCR or Virus isolation in tissue culture) by the Government. In case of any other disease need to be tested, the approval of the competent authority shall be taken based on the clinical findings.

(iv) In the case Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), the horses or other equidae, stallions and pregnant mares shall be subjected to tests for the detection of the agent, with negative results, carried out on samples collected on three occasions within a 12 days period, with an interval of no less than three days between sample collections and in case of non-pregnant mares at least one of these three samples must be taken during oestrus.

(v) In the event of any horse or other equidae found positive or doubtful certification from the exporting country for any exotic disease, the same shall be

deported back to the country of origin or destroyed at the quarantine station as deemed fit at the cost of the importer.

(vi) All costs of the above-mentioned tests conducted in India to be borne by the importer.

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