



NOTICE TO INDUSTRY 7

Veterinary therapeutic kits

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform veterinarians and grooms of the biosecurity requirements and their obligations when arriving into Australia with kits containing equine veterinary therapeutics.

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Scope

Veterinary therapeutic kits carried by veterinarians and/or grooms for use in flights/shipments of horses imported into Australia, or those returning to Australia (without accompanying horses) following previous use with horse export consignments.

Import requirements for kits containing veterinary therapeutics

1. Import permit

An import permit for 'Medical kit accompanying consignments of live horses imported into Australia', will outline all biosecurity conditions required, including storage of the kit at an Approved Arrangement site.

More information on Australia's import conditions for veterinary therapeutics and medicines can be found in the Biosecurity Import Conditions database (BICON) at

<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0>

(enter " Veterinary therapeutics and medicines" into the search field).

Or contact the department's Biological Imports Program for assistance (1800 900 090, imports@agriculture.gov.au).

2. No import permit

Kits arriving without an import permit must be given to a department biosecurity officer. Supplying a copy of this Notice to Industry 7 may assist biosecurity officers that are unfamiliar with veterinary kits. The kit will be directed for holding under government seal until export. The seal may only be broken in the presence of a department biosecurity officer and must be re-sealed by the biosecurity officer until export.

To have the veterinary kit released for export, the person in charge must show that the veterinary kit is still sealed with the same seal listed on the direction. The person in charge must meet a relevant biosecurity officer at either:

- the live animals team office during business hours, approximately 24 hours before the flight, with proof of the flight booking (in person or via email) and a photo of the seal on the veterinary kit still in place;
or
- the horse export consignment and present the veterinary kit/s for export showing the correct seal still in place.

The biosecurity officer will remove the seal at the departure port and provide the veterinary kit to the importer/person in charge for export.

Note: Any problems concerning the handling/storage/re-export of the veterinary kits please contact Horses@agriculture.gov.au.

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