



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Live equines and equine germplasm
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners Except for Canada and Mexico; other countries with equines temporarily importing for noncompetitive public exhibition and entertainment purposes; racing Thoroughbred horses from France, Germany, Republic of Ireland, and the United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland); Spanish Purebred horses from Spain <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Stakeholder Alert: USDA Implements New Equine Import Model Health Certificate. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_02096_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: From 13 April through 14 June 2026, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be transitioning to a new, comprehensive equine import model health certificate. The new certificate incorporates all information, data, and health attestations required for importing eligible equines into the United States and streamlines and reduces existing import documentation requirements.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 13 April 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 14 April 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 June 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 June 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Dr. Iwona Tumelty E-mail: LAIPolicy@usda.gov
13.	Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/live-animal-import/equine