

# Norway's application of derogation of Article 69 of Regulation (EU) 2020/688

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## *Article 69*

### **Derogation for movements of kept equine animals to other Member States**

The competent authority of the Member State of origin may authorise the movement to another Member State of registered equine animals not complying with animal health certification requirements laid down in Article 143(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, provided that:

- a) the competent authority of the Member State of destination established the conditions based on the requirements referred to in points (b) and (c) and has informed the Commission and the other Member States that such movements are authorised;
- b) the animals kept and moved on the respective territories of the Member State of origin and of the Member State of destination fulfil at least the animal health requirements for movement of kept equine animals to other Member States, and in particular the specific animal health requirements laid down in Article 22;
- c) the competent authority of the Member State of origin fulfils the condition, established by the competent authority of the Member State of destination, for the traceability of the animals moved and notifies the competent authority of the Member State of destination about the intention of using the derogation.

# Reasoning – horse racing and horses used as a hobby

- Frequent movement of racehorses and horses used as a hobby to participate in various events between neighbouring Member States
- Insignificant health risk because of high health status
- Racehorses do not have a FEI-passport and cannot use the 30-day health certificate with multiple entries
- Lessen administrative burden on competent authorities and horse keepers – issuing of health certificates
- Restrict the use of the derogation to:
  - Registered equine animal
  - Temporary movement, obligation of return





# Animal health conditions (Article 69 a and b)

1. Movement only allowed from Member States where category D disease listed for equine animals have not been reported for the last 36 months, with exception of contagious equine metritis and equine arteritis virus.
2. The registered equine complies with the movement requirements of the EU legislation (Articles 124-127 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2020/688).

Source: The Norwegian Trotting Association

# Temporary movement conditions (Article 69 a and b)

1. Movement only allowed to equestrian events (exhibitions, sporting, cultural and similar events).
2. The registered equine needs to return to the establishment of origin within 10 days.
3. The Member State of origin needs to authorize the return on the same conditions.
4. Procedure to establish Member State of origin
  - Notification to authorities in Norway by 1 May.
  - If conditions are fulfilled, applicable for Member State of origin in first quarter of following year.



# Traceability conditions - Article 69(c)

- The operator at the place of origin has filled out and signed a special DOCOM prepared in TRACES (chose DOCOM of country of destination – “2020/688 Article 69 to Norway”)
- The same DOCOM shall accompany the registered equine for the whole journey, also return, either printed or presented as a pdf-file
- In part II of the DOCOM the following text shall appear:

II. Health Information	
II.1.	Declaration by the consignor:  I, the undersigned, declare that:
II.1.1.	the information in Part I is factually correct.
II.1.2.	the registered equine animal(s) described in Part I are moved to or from an equestrian event in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 69 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for movements within the Union of terrestrial animals and hatching eggs.
II.1.3.	in particular, the registered equine animal(s) complies with the general requirements for movements set out in Articles 124-127 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and the supplementary animal health requirements for equines set out in Article 22 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 and will be moved from the establishment of origin to an equestrian event described as the place of destination in Part I of this document and back to the establishment of origin within ten days after leaving the establishment of origin.

The image shows a tilted DOCOM form. The top section is titled 'EUROPEAN UNION' and contains fields for 'U.S. Consignor' (Name, Address, Country) and 'U.S. Consignee' (Name, Address, Country). Below this are sections for 'U.S. Place of Origin' and 'U.S. Place of Destination', each with fields for Name, Address, and Country. The form also includes a 'Comments' section and a signature area at the bottom right with fields for 'Signature', 'Full name', 'Printed name', and 'Institution/Signature'.



Source: Øvrevoll Racecourse

# Measures if conditions cannot be fulfilled during journey

- Accidents or change of plans can result in breach of conditions while in country of destination
- Further movement under ordinary provisions (AHL and OCR)
- Operator responsible for additional costs



# Member States of origin accepting the conditions – Article 69

- As of now, Norway has accepted Sweden, Denmark and Finland as Member States of origin
  - They have authorized the return of the registered equine
  - They fulfil the conditions of the derogation
- Norway intends to apply the derogation from **1 September 2024**
- Notification sent to ESA and the Commission