

## CONDITIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF REGISTERED EQUINE ANIMALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 69 OF COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/688

The **aim** of this document is to lay down the conditions for movement of registered equine animals to FINLAND without an animal health certificate in accordance with Article 69 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

The **animal health risks** would be mitigated by

- 1) the movement being restricted to only equestrians events
- 2) the return of the animal to the establishment of origin within ten days from the date of its departure from the establishment of origin
- 3) movement would only be allowed from Member States where category D diseases listed in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 for equine animals, with the exception of those that are only relevant for breeding (CEM, EVA), have not been reported in equine animals for the last 36 months.

The **traceability** would be ensured by the use of DOCOM signed in TRACES by the operator at the place of origin.

### **1. Definitions**

“Member State of origin” means the EU Member State or country covered by the Agreement on the European Economic Area from which a registered equine animal can be moved without an animal health certificate,

“Equestrian event” exhibitions and sporting, cultural and similar events,

“Establishment of origin” means the establishment where the registered equine animal to be moved is kept habitually, from which it is moved to participate in an equestrian event and to which it returns after having participated in the event.

In addition, the definitions in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated and Implementing Regulations based on it apply.

### **2. Conditions for movement and for Member States of origin**

2.1. The animal health certification requirements provided for in Article 143(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 shall not apply to the movement of a registered equine animal to participate in an equestrian event in FINLAND, provided that:

- a) the registered equine animal comes from a Member State of origin in which no category D disease for which equine animals are susceptible, with the exception of infection with equine arteritis virus and contagious equine metritis, has been confirmed in equine animals within the past 36 months,
- b) the animal 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,
- c) the Member State of origin has authorized the movement of the registered equine animal back to the establishment of origin from FINLAND without an animal health certificate after participating in the equestrian event,
- d) the registered equine animal returns to the Member State of origin within ten days after departure accompanied by a DOCOM issued as referred to in point (e),
- e) the operator at the place of origin in the Member State of origin has signed a DOCOM in accordance with point 3 prior to the movement to the equestrian event.

2.2. The animal health certification requirements provided for in Article 143(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 shall not apply to the movement of a registered equine animal returning to FINLAND after participating in an equestrian event, provided that

- a) the registered equine animal comes from a Member State of origin in which no category D disease for which equine animals are susceptible, with the exception of infection with equine arteritis virus and contagious equine metritis, has been confirmed in equine animals within the past 36 months,
- b) the animal 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,
- c) the Member State of origin has authorized the registered equine animal to be moved from FINLAND to the equestrian event without an animal health certificate,
- d) the registered equine animal returns to the establishment of origin in FINLAND within ten days after departure from that establishment accompanied by a DOCOM issued as referred to in point (e),
- e) the operator at the place of origin in FINLAND has signed a DOCOM in accordance with point 3 prior to the movement to the equestrian event.

### **3. Conditions for traceability**

The operator at the place of origin shall sign a DOCOM prior to the movement, where the establishment of origin is the place of origin and the equestrian event is the place of destination. Countries that the registered equine animal will be transported through shall be mentioned in point I.27 of the DOCOM (“transit through member states”). The operator shall ensure that the DOCOM accompanies the animal during the whole journey from the establishment of origin to the equestrian event and back to the establishment of origin.

The DOCOM shall include the following text in part 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.

**4. Procedure to establish which countries the derogation applies to**

Any Member State with the intention to authorise movements of registered equine animals to FINLAND in accordance with the conditions in point 2.1, point 2.2 or both point 2.1 and 2.2., as well as point 3, shall notify CA in FINLAND by 1 May each year. Provided the Member State of origin fulfils the conditions in point 2.1 and/or point 2.2, as relevant, the rules of FINLAND shall be updated to include that Member State as a Member State of origin by the first quarter the following year. The date of application will be provided to the Member State of origin well in advance.

The situation in the Member State of origin as regards category D diseases listed in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 for equine animals, with the exception of those that are only relevant for breeding (CEM, EVA), will be verified using the ADIS-system.

**5. Measures where a registered equine animals cannot continue the journey under the conditions in points 2 or 3**

Where a registered equine animal being moved or a Member State of origin no longer fulfills the conditions in point 2 or 3, the situation shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant rules set out in the Official Control Regulation, the Animal Health Law and/or any legislation based on them. The operator of the animal will be responsible for any additional costs.