

**COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
2017 CARIBBEAN CLASSIC, GULFSTREAM PARK, FL
AND
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
VETERINARY SERVICES**

There are safeguards in place to prevent the entry and spread of Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) from imported horses. These safeguards include health certification, permits, testing at the port of entry, and quarantine at animal import centers and or temporary private quarantines. Complement fixation tests (CFT) and competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (cELISA) are official entry tests for equine piroplasmosis (Theileria equi and Babesia caballi). Horses must test negative on both CFT and cELISA in order to enter the U.S.

As Owner Agent for the 2017 Caribbean Classic at Gulfstream Park, FL, I certify that I understand and will comply with the following conditions for establishing and operating a **Temporary Equine Piroplasmosis Isolation Facility** for the time period extending from November 9, 2017 thru December 11, 2017.

1. The facility must be inspected by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) personnel for compliance with the standards contained in Part 93, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and other applicable Federal laws and regulations.
2. The issuance of import permits is contingent upon APHIS approval of the facility and APHIS having resources available to supervise the quarantine.
3. The facility must be maintained under continual 24-hour security at the expense of the Owner Agent. Security must be provided by posting a bonded security guard answerable to APHIS.
4. Only authorized personnel may enter the facility. Entry into the quarantine area where horses are being held by non-APHIS personnel is prohibited unless APHIS personnel are present, or their entrance is approved in advance.
5. The Owner Agent of the facility must pay for services provided by APHIS personnel through User Fees, as published in Title 9, CFR, Part 130.
6. Previously identified piroplasmosis test positive horses, receiving import permit waivers to allow their import, will be maintained in vector proof housing (stalls covered in vector proof screening) throughout their stay. Horses will be isolated from other horses by a distance of at least 30 feet except when training or competing.

7. USDA personnel will monitor these horses at all times during training and competition:

A. Entry Procedure

- Horses on arrival must be clearly identified and supervised.
- Horses, saddlery, and tack were inspected for ticks before export to U.S.
- Horses must be afforded with pyrethrin spray prior to importation to the U.S.
- On arrival to the U.S. a thorough daily tick inspection shall be done
 - Procedures for Proper Scratching for Ticks:
 1. Beginning at the horse's head, examine the false nostrils visually and with the forefinger;
 2. Move to the forelock and with thumb opposed to fingers, examine the forelock and continue down the mane from the forelock to the withers;
 3. Examine the submandibular intermandibular space with fingers of the flattened hand feeling for any unevenness of the skin;
 4. Examine visually and palpate the axilla of one side;
 5. Examine and palpate the posterior fetlock to the coronet of the front foot;
 6. Visually examine the udder/scrotum area on one side;
 7. Examine visually and palpate the tail and perineum;
 8. Examine and palpate the posterior fetlock to the coronet of the back foot;
 9. Examine the udder/scrotum of the other side; Examine and palpate the posterior fetlock to the coronet of the other back foot;
 10. Examine and palpate the posterior fetlock to the coronet of the other front foot;
 11. Examine visually and palpate the axilla of the other side.
- Horses shall be washed weekly with pesticide or sprayed with pyrethrin.
- Use a hard landscaping around the stable area of seropositive horses.
- Interior walls of stables housing seropositive horses had to be smooth without crevices.
- Beddings for horses have to be rubber, wood shavings or shredded paper.
 - If straw was used for stable bedding for seronegative horses located on the same site as seropositive horses, it had to be from tick-free areas.
- Hay, chaff, and other feedstuffs not heat treated were from tick-free areas, if possible.

- Exercise areas were mowed and vegetation controlled.

B. During Quarantine

- Horses are maintained separately in a clearly demarcated area, and restrict access.
- Horses are to be prevented from contact with wildlife and restricted from areas of under-brush and forest for the duration of the event.
- Entry of dogs into the quarantine and competition areas are prohibited.
- Stalls in the designated piroplasmosis positive area are to be double-screened with screening of sufficient gauge and mesh to prevent the entry or exit of insects and other vectors of diseases of horses and to provide ventilation sufficient to ensure the comfort and safety of all horses in the facility.
 - The interior and exterior screens must be separated by at least 3 inches (7.62 cm).
 - All screening of windows or other openings must be easily removable for cleaning, but must otherwise remain locked and secure at all times in a manner satisfactory to APHIS representatives in order to ensure the biological security of the facility.
 - Ideal screen mesh should be lightweight and mesh measurements 126 holes/square inch (mosquito netting).
- Pyrethrin spray applied to bottom part of stall and floor. Pyrethrin spray at reasonable intervals applied to horses in addition to spraying upon arrival.
- Drainage from the imported horse(s) must be away from other horses.
- Equipment such as brushes, buckets, sponges, cleaning equipment may not be used for other horses.
- Quarantine signs will be posted to alert others not to share equipment (i.e. washing equipment, grooming supplies, etc.).
- When the horse(s) is required to be out of the approved stall for any reason (eg training, competition, bathing) it must be monitored by USDA personnel.
- The use of needles, syringes, and other skin penetrating instruments was controlled to reduce the risk of spreading piroplasmosis through contaminated needles and instruments
 - Needle exchanges and decontamination containers must be provided.
 - Needles, syringes, and scalpel blades used for seropositive horses remained in the stabling area until disposal
 - Single needle needle-syringe needle-holder rule will apply for each horse per injection/test.

- Needle disposal into designated piroplasmosis positive area biohazard sharps container.
- Syringe disposal (including dosing syringe if used) into designated piroplasmosis positive area biohazard bag.
- Needle holders (VacuTainer) to be disinfected in chlorohexidine solution immediately after use.
- One pair of disposable nitrile gloves per person used per animal upon entry into stall and immediately disposed of upon leaving the stall into dedicated piroplasmosis positive area biohazard bag.
- One pair of plastic disposable boot covers upon entering the stall and disposed of upon leaving the stall into dedicated piroplasmosis positive area biohazard bag

C. Post-quarantine

- Make sure the quarantine barn is thoroughly cleaned and beddings disposed properly.
- Entry of dogs into the post quarantine and competition areas are prohibited.
- After competition, horses must be re-exported per instructions on the permit. **Horses are not eligible for permanent entry.**
- If the horse(s) moves from the approved facility, it must move in a vehicle sealed by VS personnel, accompanied by a VS Form 1-27 issued by VS personnel. Alternatively, the vehicle may be followed by VS personnel.

(Date)

(Signature)
[owner/agent]

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(Date)

(Signature)
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