

IMPORTATION OF HORSES

Listed below are the steps to be taken when importing a horse into Jamaica.

1. Apply to the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Division for an importation permit.
2. Apply to the Stud Book Authority (in the country of export) for the Exportation Certificate (forms are available at the Commission's office); the Exportation Certificate will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Racing Commission upon satisfying the requirements.
3. Maintain contact with your broker/agent and the Veterinary Division of the Ministry of Agriculture so as to arrange shipment of the animal.

Upon receipt of the Exportation Certificate, the Commission will notify the owner, who is then required to:

4. Submit to the Jamaica Racing Commission -
 - The Thoroughbred Registration Form for each horse, completed by a locally registered Veterinarian who is neither the breeder nor the owner of the horse.
 - The requisite fee for registration, which is inclusive of the Blood- typing / DNA-typing fee.
 - The completed Blood-typing / DNA-typing application form.

In addition to the Exportation Certificate and other documents required for the registration of an importee, where the importee is an in-foal mare, the importer/owner must submit to the Jamaica Racing Commission, a Stallion Service Certificate (completed by the stallion owner / authorized agent) for the purpose of eventually registering the expected foal.

It is recommended (and imperative) that the owner of all imported animals submit the necessary documents to the Jamaica Racing Commission within six (6) weeks of the horse arriving in Jamaica. This is to facilitate the timely processing of the application and to alleviate any problems that may occur.