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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2789**

**ANIMALS**  
**ANIMAL HEALTH**

**The Horse Passports Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - *20th November 1997*

*Coming into force* - - *1st January 1998*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 8(1) and 72 of the Animal Health Act 1981(1), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

**Title and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Horse Passports Order 1997 and shall come into force on 1st January 1998.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Animal Health Act 1981;

“horse” means a domestic animal of the equine or asinine species or crossbreeds of those species;

“horse passport” means an identification document which has been issued for that horse by a recognised organisation and which is in conformity with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order;

“recognised organisation” means an organisation recognised by the Minister under the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations 1992(2) or an international association or organisation registered under article 4;

“semi-feral breed” means a breed registered with one of the following recognised organisations—

(a) the Dales Pony Society;

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(1) 1981 c. 22. See section 86(1)(c) for a definition of “the Ministers”.

(2) S.I.1992/3045.

- (b) the Dartmoor Pony Society;
- (c) the Eriskay Pony Society;
- (d) the Exmoor Pony Society;
- (e) the Fell Pony Society;
- (f) the Highland Pony Society;
- (g) the New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society;
- (h) the Shetland Pony Studbook Society; or
- (i) the Welsh Pony and Cob Society (only horses registered in Section A or B of the Society's studbook);

“studbook” means any book, register, file or data medium—

- (a) which is maintained by a recognised organisation, and
- (b) in which horses are entered or registered with mention of all their known ascendants.

(2) For the purposes of the horse passport “the competent authority” is the recognised organisation as defined in paragraph (1) above.

(3) In this Order any application or registration shall be in writing.

(4) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Order to a numbered article or Schedule is a reference to the article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

### **Application**

3. This Order shall apply in relation to horses which are either—

- (a) entered or registered and eligible for entry in a studbook of an organisation recognised by the Minister under the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations 1992, or
- (b) registered with an international association or organisation registered under this Order.

### **Horses for competition or racing**

4.—(1) Any international association or organisation which manages horses for competition or racing in Great Britain shall register as such with the appropriate Minister within three months of the date of the Order coming into force.

(2) Any international association or organisation not operating in Great Britain on the date this Order comes into force but which intends to manage horses for competition or racing in Great Britain shall register with the appropriate Minister before it does so.

### **Issue of a horse passport**

5.—(1) Where the owner of a horse born on or after 1st January 1998 registers it with a recognised organisation he shall, at the time of registration, apply to that recognised organisation for a horse passport for that horse.

(2) Subject to the exception for semi-feral breeds in article 7, a recognised organisation shall, at the time of registration of any horse born on or after 1st January 1998, issue a horse passport with sections I to IV completed.

(3) In the case of a horse born prior to 1st January 1998 and registered in the studbook of a recognised organisation, the owner of that horse may apply to that organisation for a horse passport for that horse and the recognised organisation shall issue a horse passport.

(4) The horse passport shall be in conformity with the provisions of the Schedule, and shall be in English and French, but may in addition contain a translation (either of the whole horse passport or of part of it) into such other language or languages as the recognised organisation thinks fit.

(5) In the case of a horse born prior to 1st January 1998 where the studbook shows that the horse has had more than one owner since it was originally registered in the studbook, the recognised organisation shall ensure that details relating to ownership in section I of the Schedule are completed prior to issue.

(6) No person other than a person authorised by the recognised organisation which issued the horse passport may amend sections I to IV of the horse passport.

### **Multiple registration and cancellation of registration**

6.—(1) Where an owner of a horse registered with a recognised organisation and with a horse passport wishes to register that horse with a further recognised organisation, he shall send the existing horse passport to the second recognised organisation to enable registration to be endorsed on the horse passport.

(2) Where an owner of a horse registered with one or more recognised organisations wishes to de-register that horse from a recognised organisation, he shall return the horse passport to that organisation and that organisation shall endorse the horse passport with the cancellation of registration and return the horse passport to the owner.

(3) Where the owner of a horse born before 1st January 1998 applies for a horse passport from a recognised organisation, then, when he receives the horse passport, he shall within 28 days send it to be endorsed by any other recognised organisation with which that horse is registered.

(4) Once a horse passport has been issued in respect of a horse, no person may apply for a replacement horse passport from a further recognised organisation unless the original horse passport issued in respect of that horse has been cancelled by the recognised organisation and the horse passport surrendered to that organisation.

(5) Where a person applies for a replacement horse passport from a further recognised organisation under paragraph (4) above, that organisation shall ensure that all the details included in the original horse passport relating to the identity of the horse and veterinary treatment contained in sections II to VII of the Schedule are included in the replacement horse passport.

### **Semi-feral breeds**

7.—(1) In the case of a semi-feral breed, sections III and IV of the horse passport need not be completed by the recognised organisation at the time of registration of the horse.

(2) In the case of a semi-feral breed, the owner of a horse shall send the horse passport to the recognised organisation which issued the horse passport for completion of sections III and IV of the horse passport—

- (a) before any of the following events occurs—
  - (i) the horse reaches 12 months old;
  - (ii) the horse is sold by auction for the second time;
  - (iii) the horse is moved to other premises for competition purposes;
  - (iv) the horse is moved out of Great Britain;
  - (v) the horse is moved to the premises of a new keeper;
  - (vi) the horse is moved on any other occasion specified by the recognised organisation; or
- (b) within 14 days of the horse being moved to other premises for veterinary treatment.

### **Keepers**

8.—(1) The owner of a horse shall ensure that the horse passport is given to the keeper of the horse.

(2) If the keeper changes, the previous keeper shall give the horse passport to the new keeper.

### **Movement of a horse**

9. The keeper of a horse in respect of which a horse passport has been issued shall ensure that the horse is accompanied by its horse passport—

- (a) when it is moved into or out of Great Britain;
- (b) when it is moved to other premises for competition purposes;
- (c) when it is moved to other premises for the purposes of veterinary treatment;
- (d) when it is moved to the premises of a new keeper; or
- (e) when it is moved on any other occasion specified by the recognised organisation.

### **Completion of the horse passport by a veterinary surgeon**

10.—(1) When the owner of a horse receives a horse passport from a recognised organisation he shall ensure that any veterinary surgeon who has, to his knowledge, treated the horse, enters in the horse passport all details of treatment of the type listed in sections V to VII of the Schedule and given before the horse passport was issued.

(2) Whenever the horse is given veterinary treatment of the type listed in sections V to VII of the Schedule after the horse passport has been issued, the owner of the horse shall ensure that the veterinary surgeon giving the treatment completes the relevant part of the horse passport.

### **Sale of a horse**

11.—(1) When a horse in respect of which a horse passport has been issued is sold, the seller shall send the horse passport to the recognised organisation of issue within 28 days of the sale, with details of the new owner, and the recognised organisation shall complete the details of ownership and re-issue it to the new owner.

(2) In the case where a horse referred to in paragraph (1) above is registered with a second or more recognised organisations, then the seller shall also send details of the new owner of the horse to the second and subsequent recognised organisations within 28 days of the sale.

(3) In the case where a horse referred to in paragraph (1) above is no longer registered with the recognised organisation of issue, the seller shall send the horse passport with details of the new owner to all of the recognised organisations with which the horse is still registered and shall do so, so far as practicable, within 28 days of the sale.

### **Prohibition on holding more than one horse passport**

12. No person may hold more than one horse passport for any horse at the same time.

### **Replacement of a lost or damaged horse passport**

13.—(1) Where a horse passport has been lost or damaged, then the owner of a horse in respect of which that horse passport has been issued shall apply to the recognised organisation of issue for a replacement horse passport for that horse.

(2) The recognised organisation shall issue a replacement horse passport marked with the word “Duplicate”.

(3) Where a duplicate horse passport is issued, the recognised organisation which issued that horse passport shall ensure that all the details included in the original horse passport relating to the identity of the horse and veterinary treatment contained in sections II to VII of the Schedule are included in the duplicate horse passport.

#### **Powers of recognised organisations**

**14.**—(1) A recognised organisation may withdraw a horse passport issued by it under this Order if it is satisfied that the provisions of this Order have not been or are not being complied with or that the horse passport has not been properly completed or has been falsified in any way.

(2) A recognised organisation may require any person in possession of a horse passport which it issued to produce it on reasonable demand at any time and surrender it on demand.

#### **Identification of horses born before 1st January 1998**

**15.** In the case of a horse born before 1st January 1998, a horse passport shall be sufficient identification for the purposes of the identification document required under the provisions of Article 8 of Council Directive [90/427/EEC](#) (on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions governing intra-Community trade in equidae<sup>(3)</sup>).

#### **Offences**

**16.**—(1) It shall be an offence against the Act for any person other than a person authorised by the recognised organisation to complete sections I to IV of a horse passport.

(2) It shall be an offence against the Act for any person other than a veterinary surgeon to make an entry in sections V to VIII of a horse passport.

#### **Enforcement**

**17.** This Order shall be enforced by the local authority.

19th November 1997

*Jeff Rooker*  
Minister of State Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

20th November 1997

*Sewel*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Scottish  
Office

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(3) OJ No. L224, 18.8.90, p. 55.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

20th November 1997

*Win Griffiths*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Welsh  
Office

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## SCHEDULE

Article 5

### FORM OF HORSE PASSPORT

#### SECTION I

*Détails de droit de propriété*

1. Pour les compétitions, la nationalité du cheval est celle de son propriétaire.
2. En cas de changement de propriétaire, le passeport doit être immédiatement déposé auprès de l'organisation, l'association ou le service officiel l'ayant délivré avec le nom et l'adresse du nouveau propriétaire afin de le lui transmettre après réenregistrement.
3. S'il y a plus d'un propriétaire ou si le cheval appartient à une société, le nom de la personne responsable pour le cheval doit être inscrit dans le passeport ainsi que sa nationalité. Si les propriétaires sont de nationalités différentes, ils doivent préciser la nationalité du cheval.
4. Lorsque la Fédération équestre internationale approuve la location d'un cheval par une Fédération équestre nationale, les détails de ces transactions doivent être enregistrés par la fédération équestre nationale intéressée.

*Details of ownership*

1. For competitive purposes, the nationality of the horse is that of its owner.
2. On change of ownership the passport must immediately be lodged with the issuing organisation, association or official agency, giving the name and address of the new owner, for re-registration and forwarding to the new owner.
3. If there is more than one owner or the horse is owned by a company, then the name of the individual responsible for the horse must be entered in the passport together with his nationality. If the owners are of different nationalities, they have to determine the nationality of the horse.
4. When the Fédération équestre internationale approves the leasing of a horse by a national equestrian federation, the details of these transactions must be recorded by the national equestrian federation concerned.

Date d'enregistrement par l'organisation, l'association ou le service officiel Date of registration, by the organisation, association, or official agency	Nom du propriétaire Name of owner	Adresse du propriétaire Address of owner	Nationalité du propriétaire Nationality of Owner	Signature du propriétaire Signature of owner	Cachet de l'organisation, association ou service officiel et signature Organisation, association or official agency stamp and signature

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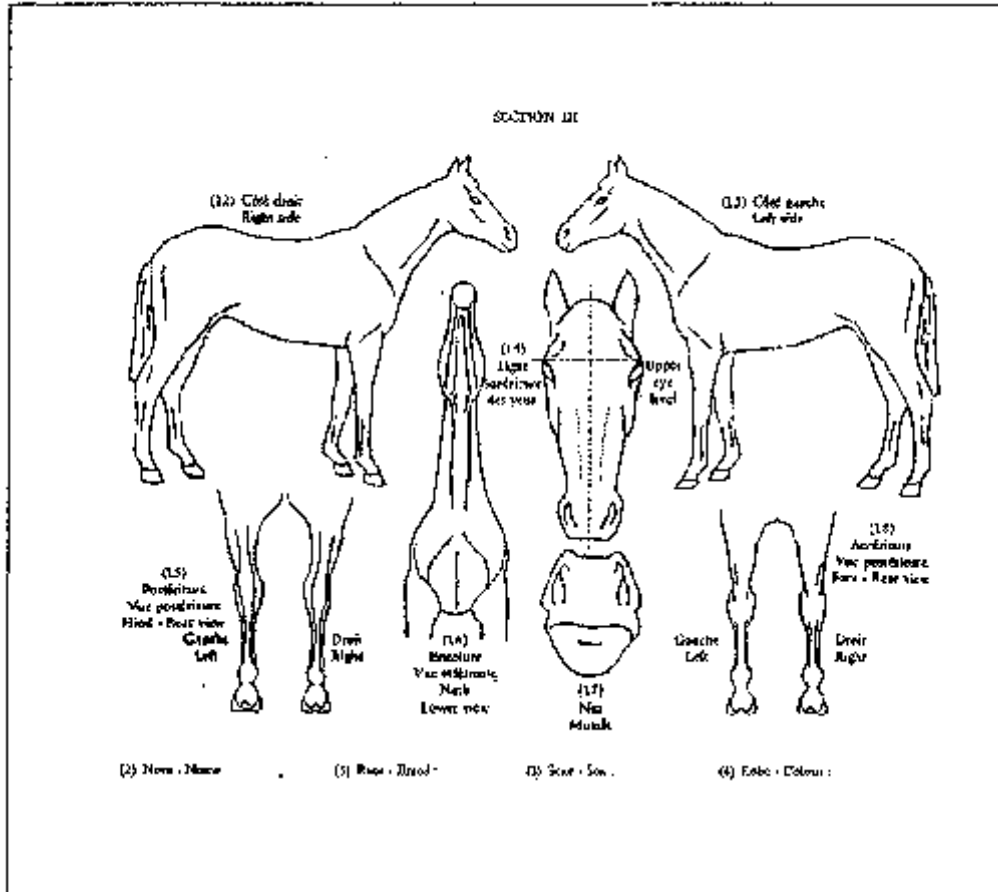
*SECTION II*

- (1) **No. d'identification:**  
**Identification no.:**
- (2) **Nom:** (7) **Sexe:** (4) **Robe:**  
**Name:** Sex: Colour:
- (5) **Race:**  
**Breed:**
- (6) **par:** (7a) **et:**  
**by:** and:
- (7b) **par:**  
**by:**
- (8) **Date de naissance:**  
**Date of foaling:**
- (9) **Lieu d'élevage:**  
**Place where bred:**
- (10) **Naisseur(s):**  
**Breeder(s):**
- (11) **Certificat d'origine validé le:**  
**par:**  
**Origin certificate validated on:**  
**by:**
- **Nom de l'autorité compétente:**  
**Name of the competent authority:**
  - **Adresse:**  
**Address:**
  - **no. de téléphone:**  
**telephone no.:**
  - **No. de télécopie:**  
**Fax number:**
  - **Signature:**  
**(Nom en lettres capitales et qualité du signataire)**
  - **Signature:**  
**(Name in capital letters and capacity of signatory)**
  - **Cachet**  
**Stamp**



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SECTION III



(2) Nom-Name:  
 (3) Sexe-Sex:

(5) Race-Breed:  
 (4) Robe-Colour:

(19) Signalement relevé sous la mère par:  
 Description taken with dam by:

tête:  
 head:

Ant. G:  
 Foreleg L:

Ant. D:  
 Foreleg R:

Post G:  
 Hindleg L:

Post D:  
 Hindleg R:

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Corps:

Body:

Marques:

Markings:

Le:

On:

(20) Circonscription:

District:

(21) Signature et cachet du vétérinaire agréé (ou de l'autorité compétente)

Signature and stamp of qualified veterinary surgeon (or competent authority)

(en lettres capitales)

(in capital letters)

#### SECTION IV

Contrôles d'identité du cheval décrit dans ce passeport

Identification of the horse described in this passport

L'identité du cheval doit être contrôlée chaque fois que les lois et règlements l'exigent; signer cette page signifie que le signalement du cheval présenté est conforme à celui de la page du signalement.

The identity of the horse must be checked each time this is required by rules and regulations and certified that it conforms with the description given on the diagram page of its passport.

Date	Ville et pays Town and country	Motif du contrôle (concours, certificat sanitaire, etc.) Purpose of control (event, health certificate, etc.)	Signature, nom en capitales et qualifié de la personne ayant vérifié l'identité Signature, name (printed) and status of official verifying the identification

#### SECTION V

Grippe équine seulement  
Enregistrement des vaccinations

Equine influenza only  
Vaccination record

Toute vaccination subie par le cheval doit être portée dans le cadre ci-dessous de façon lisible et précise avec le nom et la signature du vétérinaire.

Details of every vaccination which the horse undergoes must be entered clearly and in detail, and certified with the name and signature of veterinarian.

Date	Lieu Place	Pays Country	Vaccin/Vaccine		Nom en capitales et signature du vétérinaire Name (printed) and signature of veterinarian
			Nom Name	Numéro du lot Batch number	

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### SECTION VI

Maladies autres que la grippe équine  
*Enregistrement des vaccinations*

Diseases other than equine influenza  
*Vaccination record*

Toute vaccination subie par le cheval doit être portée dans le cadre ci-dessous de façon lisible et précise avec le nom et la signature du vétérinaire

Details of every vaccination which the horse undergoes must be entered clearly and in detail, and certified with the name and signature of the veterinarian

Date	Lieu Place	Pays Country	Vaccin/Vaccine			Nom en capitales et signature du vétérinaire Name (printed) and signature of veterinarian
			Nom Name	Numéro du lot Batch number	Maladie(s) Disease(s)	

### SECTION VII

Contrôles sanitaires effectués par des laboratoires

Laboratory health test

Le résultat de tout contrôle effectué par un vétérinaire pour une maladie transmissible ou par un laboratoire agréé par le service vétérinaire gouvernemental du pays doit être noté clairement et en détails par le vétérinaire qui représente l'autorité demandant le contrôle.

The result of every test carried out for a transmissible disease by a veterinarian or a laboratory authorised by the government veterinary service of the country must be entered clearly and in detail by the veterinarian acting on behalf of the authority requesting the test.

Date	Maladies transmissibles concernées Transmissible disease tested for	Nature de l'examen Type of test	Résultat de l'examen Result of test	Laboratoire officiel d'analyse du prélèvement Official laboratory to which sample is sent	Nom en capitales et signature du vétérinaire Name (printed) and signature of veterinarian

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**SECTION VIII**

**Exigences sanitaires de base**  
**Les exigences ne sont pas valables pour l'introduction dans la communauté**

**Basic health requirements**  
**These requirements are not valid to enter the community**

je soussigné(a) certifie que l'équidé décrit dans le passeport no. .... délivré par ..... satisfait aux conditions suivantes:

I, the undersigned(b), hereby certify that the horse described in passport no. .... issued by ..... satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) il a été examiné ce jour, ne présente aucun signe clinique de maladie et est apte au transport;  
 it has been examined this day, presents no clinical sign of disease and is fit for transport;
- (b) il n'est pas destiné à l'abattage dans le cadre d'un programme national d'éradication d'une maladie transmissible;  
 it is not intended for slaughter under a national eradication programme for a transmissible disease;
- (c) il ne provient pas d'une exploitation faisant l'objet de mesures de restriction pour des motifs de police sanitaire et n'a pas été en contact avec des équidés d'une telle exploitation;  
 it does not come from a holding subject to restrictions for animal health reasons and has not been in contact with horses on such a holding;
- (d) à ma connaissance, il n'a pas été en contact avec des équidés atteints d'une maladie transmissible au cours des 15 jours précédant l'embarquement.  
 to the best of my knowledge, it has not been in contact with horses affected by a transmissible disease during the 15 days prior to loading.

La présente certification est valable 10 jours à compter de la date de sa signature par le vétérinaire officiel.

This certification is valid for 10 days from the date of signature by the official veterinarian.

Date	Lieu	Pour des raisons épidémiologiques particulières, un certificat sanitaire séparé accompagne le présent passeport	Nom en capitales et signature du vétérinaire officiel
Date	Place	For particular epidemiological reasons, a separate health certificate accompanies this passport	Name in block letters and signature of official veterinarian
		Oui/non (barrer la mention inutile) Yes/no (delete as appropriate)	
		Oui/non (barrer la mention inutile) Yes/no (delete as appropriate)	
		Oui/non (barrer la mention inutile) Yes/no (delete as appropriate)	
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		Oui/non (barrer la mention inutile) Yes/no (delete as appropriate)	

(a) Ce document doit être signé dans les 48 heures précédant le déplacement international de l'équide.  
 (b) This document must be signed within 48 hours prior to international transport of the horse.

**Maladies dont l'inclusion dans le certificat zoosanitaire joint au passeport doit être envisagée**  
**Diseases for which an endorsement must be made on the health certificate attached to the passport**

1. Peste équine—afriean horse sickness
2. Stomatite vésiculeuse—vesicular stomatitis
3. Dourine—dourine
4. Morve—glanders
5. Encéphalomyélites équines (tous types)—equine encephalomyelitis (all types)
6. Anémie infectieuse—infectious anaemia
7. Rage—rabies
8. Fièvre charbonneuse—anthrax

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order establishes a system of identification documents (horse passports) for horses registered with recognised organisations and born in Great Britain. The Order specifies the form of those passports (Schedule). The Order implements article 8 of Council Directive [90/427/EEC](#) on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions governing intra-Community trade in equidae (OJNo. L224, 18.8.90, p.55), and Commission Decision [93/623/EEC](#) establishing the identification document (passport) accompanying registered equidae (OJ No. L 298, 3.12.93, p.45). The Order is enforced by the local authority (article 17).

A Regulatory Appraisal has been prepared and placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Animal Health (Disease Control) Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Government Buildings, Hook Rise South, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7NF.