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”.

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(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(3)).

**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.

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

19th November 1997

Sewel
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Scottish Office

20th November 1997

(3) OJ No. L224, 18.8.90, p. 55.
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

Win Griffiths
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Welsh Office

20th November 1997
**SCHEDULE**

**FORM OF HORSE PASSPORT**

**SECTION I**

**Article 5**

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 its nationality. If the owners are of different nationalities, they have to determine the nationality of the horse.
4. When the Federation équestre internationale approves the leasing of a horse for a national equine federation, the details of the transactions must be recorded by the national equine federation concerned.

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(1) No. d'identification:  
Identification no.:  

(2) Nom:  
Name:  

(3) Sexe:  
Sex:  

(4) Race:  
Breed:  

(5) Robe:  
Colour:  

(6) par:  
by:  

(7a) et:  
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:  
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:  
(Name in capital letters and capacity of signatory)  

— Signature:  
(Name in capital letters and capacity of signatory)  

— Cachet:  
Stamp
SECTION III

(2) Nom—Name:
(3) Sexe—Sex:

(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:

(5) Race—Breed:
(4) Robe—Colour:
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)

(22) (en lettres capitales)
(in capital letters)

SECTION IV

Contrôles d'identification du cheval décrit dans le passeport

L'identité du cheval doit être contrôlée chaque fois que les lois et règlements l'argent exigent sur cette page spécifie que le registre du cheval présente un contrôle à valeur de la page spécialement

Date
Valider la: Vérification de la validité

N° de série (ou d'autres numéros, etc.)

Signature, nom et signatue du propriétaire qui émet le passeport

SECTION V

Grippe aviaire et influenza (influenza aviaire)

Toilettage, dégagement des parties visibles

Date
Lieu

Equine influenza et

Vaccination reçue

Details of every vaccination which the horse has undergone must be entered below and in titled, and signed with the name and signature of veterinarian.

Reçue
Vaccination reçue

Nom
Prénom

N° de série

Signature du vétérinaire

### SECTION VI

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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

I, the undersigned(s), 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 de l'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.

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(a) Ce document doit être signé dans les 48 heures précédant le déplacement international de l'équidé.
(b) This document must be signed within 48 hours prior to international transport of the horse.
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 (OJ No. 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.