

Equibreed UK Ltd Testing & Health Requirement Policy 2020

Current certificates must be received in all cases by the office before any horse arrives at the centre and all of the following requirements must be met;

- All horses arriving at the centre must be up to date with flu vaccinations.
- All Horses arriving at the stud must be accompanied by a current passport.
- All horses arriving must be free of clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease (including Ringworm, CEM, EVA, Strangles & Respiratory disease) and must not have been kept at a holding with any equine suffering from signs of infectious or contagious disease (specifically Ringworm, CEM, EVA, Strangles & Respiratory disease) in the last 30 days.
- All horses arriving must not have been used for natural mating during the 30 days prior to arrival and All tests must be taken at least 15 days after the last natural covering date (mares and stallions). (nb. See note below for mares coming to centre after natural covering).
- All tests must be taken after 1st January of the current breeding season.

Horses coming to the centre

ALL horses coming to the stud to stay for any length of time (resident or walk in) must be certified free from CEM, EVA, EIA & Strangles.

- CEM and EVA are valid for the current season.
- EIA & Strangles are valid for 30 days from the day of sampling for horses coming to stay.
- EIA & Strangles are valid for 90 days from the day of sampling for walk in horses.

Donor and Broodmares (Ambulatory Work from Equibreed Vets)

We strongly advise mares being inseminated by Equibreed UK or undergoing any embryo transfer work done by Equibreed UK Ltd vets at the client's own yard, should be certified free from CEM and EVA. Any work done with untested mares at client's own yards will be subject to a disinfection surcharge.

Externally Inseminated Donor Mares must provide evidence that the stallion / semen used for the AI was CEM & EVA free.

Foals

Foals coming to Equibreed UK (walk in or resident) over the age of 6 months or already weaned must be tested negative for EIA & Strangles prior to arrival at the centre. Foals under 6 months of age and still unweaned, do not need testing (only the dam should be tested as per above).

Chilled Transported Embryos

Donor mares being externally flushed, must be certified free from CEM & EVA prior to any chilled transported embryo arriving at the centre for transfer. Evidence must also be provided showing the stallion / semen used for the AI was CEM & EVA negative.

Natural Covering

Mares coming to the centre having been covered naturally elsewhere must also provide current CEM & EVA certificates for the stallion used to cover.

CEM testing

Mare swabs for CEM should be taken from the Clitoral Fossa & Clitoral Sinuses. CEM testing should be for *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* & *Taylorella equigenitalis*. We accept both PCR and Cultured CEM results. After 1st January and before any breeding activity is commenced, two sets of swabs (from 3 sites – urethra, urethral fossa and penile sheath) should be taken from all stallions at an interval of no less than seven days and cultured aerobically and microaerophilically.

Recipient Mares

Returns after weaning & New Recipient Acquisitions arriving at the stud must be certified free from CEM, EVA, EIA & Strangles Blood. Mares must arrive at the centre within 30 days of tests being taken.

Export Status & Semen Freezing

There are very specific testing requirements for horses in Export Status, depending on destination country. Please contact the office prior to any test samples being taken.

We strongly advise that all Broodmares using Equibreed stallions are certified free from CEM & EVA prior to any insemination. Equibreed follows the requirements for each specific country of destination for export testing requirements and for freezing in the UK HBLB and BEVA codes of practice are followed as standard.

Please contact the office should you have any queries. All horses will be clinically examined upon arrival at Equibreed. Any horse showing any signs of clinical disease will be isolated (until disease status is confirmed) or not admitted to the clinic. Please see our Terms & Conditions for further information.