



Biosecurity Statement

All horses arriving at Equibreed UK must be up to date with flu vaccinations. Including 6 month boosters which should be recorded in their passports. All horses will be clinically examined upon arrival at Equibreed UK. Any horse showing any signs of clinical disease will be isolated (until disease status is confirmed) or not admitted. Isolation will be at the cost of the client (with pre-notification) and Equibreed UK Ltd reserve the right to isolate at their own jurisdiction.

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;

- Must be certified free from CEM, EVA, EIA, EHV & Strangles for the current breeding season.
- EHV 1-4 Serology report within 10 days of admission to Equibreed UK
- 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.
- Must not have been used for natural mating during the 30 days prior to arrival and tests must be taken at least 15 days after the last natural covering date (both mares and stallions)
- Must be up to date with flu vaccinations.
- Must arrive with a current passport.
- All breeding tests must be taken after 1st January of the current breeding season.
- For stallions coming for collection for export must have EVA, EIA and CEM certificates processed by APHA before entering Equibreed

Donor and Broodmares (Ambulatory Work from Equibreed Vets)

We strongly advise mares being inseminated by or undergoing any embryo transfer work done by Equibreed UK Ltd vets at the client's own yard, should be certified free from CEM, EVA & EIA. 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 & EIA free.

Foals

Foals coming to Equibreed UK Ltd (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. Testing should be for *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* & *Tylorella equigenitalis*. One PCR test is required or 2 cultures carried out 7 days apart. 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 clinic must be certified free from CEM, EVA, EIA, EHV & 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 & EIA 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.