

# CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY EXAMINATION FOR A RACEHORSE TO BE IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG

*This examination must be completed within 30 days of quarantine entry*



香港賽馬會  
The Hong Kong Jockey Club

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON BEHALF AND AT THE REQUEST OF

Name

## I HAVE EXAMINED AND VERIFIED THE IDENTITY OF THE HORSE DESCRIBED BELOW AT THE PROPERTY

Name and Address

## THE HORSE WAS PRESENTED BY

Name	Position
At (place of examination)	
On (date and time)	
How long is this horse reported to be under the care of the current trainer?	

## HORSE DETAILS

Name		Passport No.	
Sire		Dam	
Microchip*		Tattoo	
Brand Left		Brand Right	
Colour	Height	Sex	Age
Shipping Agent		Quarantine Entry Date	
Hong Kong Trainer (if known)			
Hong Kong Prospective Owner / Owner or Agent			

*\* All horses imported into Hong Kong must have an ISO 11784 / 11785 compliant microchip.*

## VETERINARY SURGEON INFORMATION

Name	Practice
Telephone	Email

## TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Are you the usual veterinarian for the current trainer, vendor or selling agent?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If yes, please indicate to who you provide services	<input type="radio"/> Current Trainer	<input type="radio"/> Vendor <input type="radio"/> Selling Agent
Is the current trainer, vendor or selling agent a client of your practice?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If yes, please indicate to who your practice provides services	<input type="radio"/> Current Trainer	<input type="radio"/> Vendor <input type="radio"/> Selling Agent
Do you have any financial involvement in the sale of this horse, other than fee for veterinary service?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

## A. REPORT OF RELEVANT HISTORY (REPORTED AFTER DUE ENQUIRY OR OTHERWISE KNOWN)

History of epistaxis attributable to EIPH?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Vices (stable or ridden) – i.e. bites, kicks, weaves, box walks, windsucks / crib bites?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Is the horse a headshaker?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
History of previous surgery, recent illness or injury?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
History of farriery issues or a need to wear non-standard shoes / plates in training or racing?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
History of cardiac dysrhythmia / abnormality?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Outstanding racing restriction / embargo?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
History of recurrent exercise induced rhabdomyolysis?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
History of lameness?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Lameness diagnosis (if known)		
Level of training at time of examination	<input type="radio"/> Early race-training	<input type="radio"/> Returning from rest or lay-off <input type="radio"/> Full race-training
Length of time in training		

## RECENT MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION HISTORY

Date of last Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug (NSAID) administration:	
Reason for NSAID treatment, where applicable	
Date of last intra-articular treatment	
Joints treated, where applicable	
History of anabolic steroid administration within the last six months?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
History of bisphosphonate administration?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

## REPORT OF RELEVANT HISTORY

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## RACING HISTORY

Has the horse raced / trialled?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Performance records	

## B. FIVE-STAGE VETERINARY EXAMINATION

WNL = <i>Within Normal Limits</i> AB = <i>Abnormal</i>		
Skin and hair coat	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Body condition	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Body temperature	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Evidence of stable vices	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Eyes (eyelids, cornea, pupil, menace, PLR or discharge)	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB

### NERVOUS SYSTEM

Demeanour and temperament	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Posture and ability to back and turn	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB

### GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

Dentition and mouth	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Abdominal sounds	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB

### CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

Heart rate	beats / minute	
Heart rhythm	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Cardiac auscultation	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Jugular veins and mucus membranes	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB

### RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Nose (discharge / airflow / stridor / symmetry)	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Sinus (symmetry / percussion)	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Chest (auscultation / respiratory rate)	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB

### UROGENITAL SYSTEM

External genitalia (conformation and appearance)	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
If male entire – presence of two testicles	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

### MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

Conformation	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Hooves	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Symmetry of hindquarters	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Back flexibility and muscling	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB

	LEFT FORE		RIGHT FORE		LEFT HIND		RIGHT HIND	
Shod	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Hoof tester response	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Limb palpation	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Flexion test response	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Comments								

#### OBSERVATION AT EXERCISE

Abnormal respiratory noise?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Quality of movement	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Ridden vices observed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Recovery rate and re-examination	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
Description of abnormal respiratory noise, if applicable –					

#### C. ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION *Must be performed both at rest before and within 30 minutes following strenuous exercise*

Performed before exercise?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Performed after exercise?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No				
Sedative used?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Nasal twitch used?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No				
Evidence of blood in the airways?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	EIPH	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	
Lane laryngeal grading*	<input type="radio"/> 1					<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Comments									

\* Any horse reported to show laryngeal function of Lane grade three; noted to make an abnormal noise or high-pitched inspiratory noise; or that has undergone any type of throat surgery must be subject to a dynamic video endoscopic examination – the video of which must be forwarded to the nominated veterinary surgeon, and subsequently the Club, for review using the Asteris Keystone Community Portal. Note, any horse found to have laryngeal function of Lane four or five or Lane grade three that is also heard to make an abnormal respiratory noise will be considered unsuitable for importation into Hong Kong.

## D. RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION

Copies of the digital images (in DICOM format) must be submitted using the Asteris Keystone Community Portal to a Club nominated veterinary surgeon. The examining veterinarian must review all of the diagnostic images obtained during the examination, accurately document any notable findings and offer an opinion as to the functional effect of these findings on a horse's current and future veterinary suitability to train and race in Hong Kong.

Have the minimum number of radiographic views (48) been acquired?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Are all radiographs properly labelled and of diagnostic quality?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Radiographic examination comments		

## E. ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION

Both fore tendons and suspensory ligaments including their branches must be evaluated and sequential still transverse and longitudinal images using the classifications 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B and L1, L2 and L3 recorded. The sesamoid / suspensory interface must be examined and a still longitudinal imaged, labelled L4 recorded. Any evidence of thickening or pathology to the structures at the plantar aspect of the metatarsal region, the structures at the palmar / plantar aspect of the pastern or within the digital tendon sheath should be examined ultrasonographically and significant images recorded for review.

Cross-sectional areas (in square centimetres) of the superficial digital flexor tendon at levels 1A, 2A and 3A and the suspensory branches at 3B must be recorded below and still images showing evidence of these measurements and traces of the outlines must be supplied to the nominated veterinarian for review using the Asteris Keystone Community Portal. Reports will be considered incomplete and thus rejected if this information is omitted or not supplied to the HKJC nominated veterinarian for review.

Clinical examination of the tendons and suspensory ligament	<input type="radio"/> WNL	<input type="radio"/> AB
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## CROSS SECTIONAL MEASUREMENTS

STRUCTURE	SUPERFICIAL DIGITAL FLEXOR TENDON			SUSP. MEDIAL	SUSP. LATERAL
REGION	1a	2a	3a	3b	3b
LEFT FORE					
RIGHT FORE					

Ultrasonographic examination comments

#### F. BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE TESTING

A blood sample must be taken on the day of, and as soon as possible after, the five-stage veterinary clinical examination to be screened for the prohibited substances detailed in the HKJC veterinary protocol by a racing laboratory listed by the Club. A copy of the laboratory test report must be supplied to the nominated veterinary surgeon and the Club.

Collected on the same day and as soon as possible after the exercise phase of the five-stage vetting? ☐ Yes

Date of blood sample collection

Date of blood sample dispatch to a HKJC listed racing laboratory

Blood sample result ☐ Negative ☐ Positive ☐ Pending

#### G. REPORTED OR NOTED FINDINGS UNLIKELY TO REPRESENT A MEASURABLE RISK

H. IN MY OPINION, ON THE BALANCE OF PROBABILITIES, THIS HORSE IS

<div><input type="radio"/> <b>ACCEPTABLE FOR IMPORTATION</b></div> <div>With <b>NO</b> abnormality that could significantly affect the future suitability for training and racing in Hong Kong detected during the veterinary examination and assessment of this horse.</div>	<div><input type="radio"/> <b>UNACCEPTABLE FOR IMPORTATION</b></div> <div>The horse does <b>NOT</b> meet the requirements of the Hong Kong Jockey Club criteria for permanent importation as a result of the finding(s) listed below.</div>
<div>This horse is <b>ACCEPTABLE</b> with findings of potential significance for future suitable suitability to train and race, as categorised below. The prospective owner / owner and trainer are advised to seek professional advice concerning the veterinary findings reported so that an informed decision on importation can be made.</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> <b>LOW</b></div><div><input type="radio"/> <b>LOW to MODERATE</b></div><div><input type="radio"/> <b>MODERATE</b></div><div><input type="radio"/> <b>MODERATE to HIGH</b></div><div><input type="radio"/> <b>HIGH</b></div></div>	

LIMITATIONS OF THE EXAMINATION

I omitted stage(s) of the standard procedure because

VETERINARY SURGEONS CERTIFICATION

Signature	Name
	Date
Practice name	Telephone
Address	

1. The aim of this examination is to identify and assess factors of a veterinary nature that could prejudice a horse’s suitability for training or racing in Hong Kong at the time of the examination. No judgment, assurance or guarantee is made about a horse’s future suitability or ability as a racehorse.
2. The examining veterinarian takes no responsibility for, nor warrants the accuracy of any information provided by the owner or carer of the horse, including that relating to the non-administration of medication, freedom from vice, pre-existing or previous disease or abnormality, past performance or suitability for intended use.
3. If any part of the five-stage veterinary examination is omitted, the opinion given will be based purely upon those parts of the examination that were completed. Incomplete examinations may not identify clinical signs of disease, injury or abnormality that may only be revealed as part of the procedure that was omitted.
4. This certification serves to identify the horse that was examined, but it is not the responsibility of the examining veterinary surgeon to ascertain that the declared seller has legal title to the horse. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to satisfy themselves as to the ownership of the horse.
5. This examination does not include examination of the inside of the prepuce (sheath), a detailed mouth / oral examination with a speculum, a height measurement or any examination for pregnancy.
6. The prospective owner / owner or agent must acknowledge that the diagnostic images obtained during the course of this examination are the property of the veterinary practice listed herein, but it is further acknowledged by the practice that copies of these images will be supplied to the nominated veterinary surgeon and the Hong Kong Jockey Club at the initiating parties expense.
7. The examining veterinarian and / or the Hong Kong Jockey Club are not liable for any incident or injury that occurs at the time of, or as a result of, any veterinary examination performed at the request of a prospective owner / owner, agent, nominated veterinarian or the HKJC.

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