

Definition of “Registered Horses”.

'Registered equidae' means any equidae registered as defined in Directive 90/427/EEC (4), identified by means of an identification document issued by the breeding authority or any other competent authority of the country where the animal originated which manages the studbook or register for that breed of animal or any international association or organization which manages horses for competition or racing;

Registered horses are those registered, for the purposes of EU zootechnics legislation, with a recognised **breed society** or companies like the British Horse Database at Wetherbys.

A registered horse does not mean one with a horse passport.

In addition (because the exemption is not restrictive), a horse which travels under a passport issued by the Fédération Equestre Internationale or the International Equestrian Federation, should be considered to be registered for the purposes of the Regulation, as should horses transported for the purposes of competition, such as show-jumpers, eventers, polo ponies etc.

The latter categories will require proof of their 'registered' status (with the appropriate organising Society or Club, such as a Polo or Pony Club, the British Show Jumping Association or the British Endurance Riding Society) to accompany the animals during transport, and to be made available to an inspector on demand.