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## TESTS ON HORSES BROUGHT INTO FINLAND

### Sampling and submission form

The controls for infectious anemia, dourine and malleus antibodies that are required when horses are imported are performed by Evira's Veterinary Virology and Bacteriology Research Units. Animal Virology also performs antibody tests and virus isolation for equine arteritis virus (EAV), which are required under certain conditions for imported stallions aged over 180 days.

The blood sample (at least 5ml of whole blood or serum) for antibody tests should be taken in a standard large blood sample tube without anticoagulant. If the sample is going to be in transit for several days, you are recommended to send serum rather than whole blood. If samples are contaminated or frozen, they cannot be analysed, so they must be taken as aseptically as possible and be carefully packed (wrap in corrugated cardboard and then newspaper or similar) and before dispatch must be kept in a refrigerator or other cold store.

In order to isolate viral arteritis, a semen sample including the sperm-rich fraction is taken from seropositive stallions. The stallion's genitalia must not be cleaned with antiseptic or disinfectant substances before sampling. As soon as the sample is taken, the semen must be chilled with ice or cold packs and sent immediately to the laboratory. If the sample is likely to be in transit for some time, the sample may be frozen to -20°C.

All parts of the submission form must be completed in full. The submission form to be used for importing horses can be accessed here:

### Sending your sample

Samples from outside the EU should be sent to Evira by courier or brought in person. The consignor is liable for all costs. In Finland samples may be sent by post.

Sample tubes must be properly sealed and packed so that they cannot break in transit. Prices incl. VAT (1.7.2008): infectious anemia and viral arteritis antibodies €31.70, viral arteritis isolation €27.56, glanders and dourine antibodies €48.24. Invoices can only be sent to addresses in Finland. If your address is not in Finland, the tests must be paid in advance.

The sample should be sent to the following address

Evira  
Virology Research Unit  
Mustialankatu 3  
00790 Helsinki  
Finland

### Bringing samples straight to Evira

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Customers with no Finnish invoicing address are given a bank transfer slip when they bring their samples to Evira. **Cash payments are no longer accepted.** Bring your receipt with you as proof of payment when collecting the results.

### **Bank account details**

**Nordea Bank Finland PLC, account number 166030 – 103930, IBAN FI6516603000103930, SWIFT code: NDEAFIHH**

Reference: horse import control/“owner’s name”/“horse’s name”