



SUFFOLK HORSE SOCIETY

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Annex A

Transportation Document

Transportation of Suffolk stallions or mares for the purpose of breeding

*[Insert name, address and contact details of the stud or farm
from which the horses originate or print on Headed paper]*

(Insert date)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This horsebox and the Suffolk stallion/mare inside is being transported on behalf of *(insert name of owner)* based at *(insert full address)* on essential business of a commercial breeding operation.

The stallion/mare inside is being transported to *(insert name of stud being visited)* for the purpose of breeding to maintain the numbers of a critically endangered rare breed of horse.

The Suffolk Horse Society has carefully reviewed government and veterinary advice and produced protocols which breeders must follow to demonstrate they can responsibly comply with current government instructions. The Chief Veterinary Officer has been consulted on this guidance, which has been drafted given the context of the specific seasonal nature of breeding racehorses. In order to ensure that mares are accepted for covering we can confirm that we comply with the following protocol:

1. Any appointments **must** be made in advance of travel.
2. Associated paperwork **must** be completed and sent electronically in advance, including passport information.
3. The vehicle used for transport **must** be disinfected before and after every visit including any handles, the ramp or other areas where stud staff may have had, or will have, contact.
4. Staff travelling in the horsebox **must** comply with Government advice on social distancing.
5. Unless there is an emergency, or welfare requirement related to the animal being transported or the driver, it is prohibited to stop on the journey, commiserate with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency's current enforcement policy on driver's hours.
6. At the destination, the unloading and re-loading of the horse **must** be conducted by staff at the destination to allow no contact with the travelling staff. Hygiene precautions must be followed at every stage of this un-loading and loading process, using robust disinfectant processes of the horsebox handles and any equipment, and hand washing.
7. Staff travelling in the horsebox should only exit the horsebox at the location they are visiting to use welfare facilities, using all sanitary precautions. **There must be no direct contact with the staff on the site.**

If these conditions are not adhered to, the horsebox will be turned away.

Thank you for your consideration and allowing our driver on their way to ensure our operations may continue.

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(Signature of Owner or Appointed Agent)