

Regulations regarding used riding equipment

Due to geographical insulation and strict import procedures the Icelandic horse has remained virtually disease free so far. Horses in Iceland are not vaccinated therefore the whole breed could be very vulnerable to adventitious diseases.

The following rules apply when importing riding equipment:

- Ⓢ It is prohibited to bring used saddlery such as saddles, bridles, muzzles, boots, saddle pads/cloths, horse rugs, whips etc. to Iceland.
- Ⓢ It is prohibited to bring clothes which cannot be thoroughly cleaned or disinfected, e.g. leather gloves, boots, shoes, jackets, wax coats and helmets.
- Ⓢ Used riding clothes which have been washed in a washing machine or dry cleaned can be brought to Iceland.
- Ⓢ Riding boots and shoes made from rubber or other materials that can be disinfected, should be thoroughly cleaned and put in a solution made from 2% Virkon S for 10 minutes before bringing them into the country.
- Ⓢ Clothes and boots that have been in contact with animals abroad must be treated the same way.
- Ⓢ A certificate of disinfection, issued by an official veterinary authority will be accepted, if presented on entering Iceland.