

PAPERWORK CHECKS WHEN PURCHASING IMPORTED HAFLINGERS  
(Except those from the Austrian Tirol)

All horses should have a passport albeit in French, Dutch, Belgian, German etc., this is the law. Foreign passports are a legal document and should stay with the horse for life.

Make sure that any horse you intend to purchase has a passport and ask to look at it. There should be **no reason** that someone can not show or provide you with a passport. Check inside to see if the markings have been completed and check these against the horse concerned. Unfortunately, many passports from Europe do not have this information completed. Check the sex recorded in the passport is the same sex of horse it relates to. Merrie = mare, hengst = stallion, although many will now be gelded without this being recorded. Make notes about the passport for example the horses name, registration number, date of birth and microchip number. Does the passport contain any pedigree details such as Sire, Dam. Passports generally contain a five or six generation pedigree. If 'unbekond' is recorded by Sire and Dam this means they are unknown.

If you progress and become interested enough to purchase the horse it is **strongly recommended** that before purchase you have a vet check the microchip number for you, especially if the markings have not been recorded in the passport. It is **essential** that the number recorded in the passport corresponds with that implanted in the horse. Make sure it is the original passport you were shown on your first visit, refer to your notes. Also ask your vet to check the age, sex and general wellbeing. This may seem a costly exercise but could save you both money and heart ache in the future. The consequence could be that you purchase a horse, you find out at a later stage the passport does not relate to your horse at all, and therefore leaves you with a horse with no valid passport, which is illegal, and no history.

If all the details correspond and you go forward with the purchase, before leaving the premises with your new horse once again check you have the correct passport. You can check this from the details you made note of on your initial visit.