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VS Guidance and Other Documents Related to Importing Equines

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Import Notifications

Date	Revised	Notification
4/4/2025	4/7/2026	Screwworm, FMD, and VEE Requirements Letter (396.64 KB)
6/7/2021		Disposal of Foreign Origin Waste Accompanying Live Horses (146.18 KB)
7/21/2020	5/8/2023	Live Animal Import and Transit Permits (272.29 KB)
6/18/2020	2/25/2021	Fractious Animals and Additional Accommodations

Veterinary Services Guidance Documents

- [Equine Testing Info Sheet](#)
- [Requirements for Horses Imported Under CEM Waiver for a Special Event](#)
- [Requirements for Piroplasmosis Positive Horses to Import for a Special Event](#)
(236.95 KB)
- [Standard Operating Procedure: Deceased Horses at U.S. Ports of Entry](#)
- [Veterinary Services Policy for the Quarantine and Testing of Horses Imported into the United States for Special Events](#) (VS 591.59)

- [Treatment of Animals for Ticks with Coumaphos \(Co-Ral\)](#) (122.62 KB) (VS Guidance 7003.1)
- [Approval of Permanent Privately Owned Horse Quarantine Facilities in the United States](#) (VS Guidance 13402.1)
- [Importation of Horses From Mexico Using APHIS-Approved Quarantine Facilities at Land Border Ports](#) (VS Guidance 13405.3)
- [CEM Testing of Imported Horses at Approved Quarantine Facilities](#) (VS Guidance 13406.3)
- [Testing of Equids During Import Quarantine](#) (VS Guidance 13407.3)
- [Procedures for the Import of Equines into the United States and Approved Quarantine Facilities](#) (VS Guidance 13424.1)
- [Procedures for Submitting Equine Serum Samples to the United States](#) (VS Guidance 14001.2)
- [Approval of Labs To Conduct CEM Tests](#) (VS Guidance 15202.2)

Veterinary Services Memoranda

- [Review Procedures for Animal Import Center Activities Including Veterinary Services Operations at Associated Air and Ocean Ports and Privately Owned Animal Quarantine Facilities](#) (967.64 KB) (VS Memo 515.2)
- [Tick Surveillance, Collection, and Submission of Suspected Exotic Ticks](#) (148.97 KB) (VS Memo 556.13)

Compliance Agreements

- [For the Approval of a Temporary Privately Owned Equine Import Quarantine Facility](#) (69.94 KB)

Equine Supplemental Information

- [Supplemental health certificate for racing Thoroughbreds from France, Germany, Ireland \(Republic of\), Great Britain \(England, Scotland, Wales\), and Northern Ireland temporarily competing in APHIS recognized CEM-free countries](#) (152.8 KB)
- [Model supplemental certification for intact Spanish Purebred horses importing under 9 CFR 93.301 \(d\) that transit countries APHIS recognizes as CEM affected by land](#) (738.72 KB)

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