VS Guidance and Other Documents Related to Importing Equines

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Import Notifications

Date	Revised	Notification
12/4/2019	11/4/2026	Requirements for CEM quarantine exemption after temporary export to a CEM-affected region (183.15 KB)
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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