

TAHC ANNOUNCEMENT

The following states have provided the TAHC with information on enhanced entry requirements they are imposing on Texas livestock (including horses) due to the recently announced Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) case in Texas. This information is not intended to be the final answer for producers wishing to move animals. Prior to movement, contact the state of destination for interstate questions. For international export requirements, contact the USDA Veterinary Services (VS) Austin office at 512-383-2411 or Dr. Byron Schick, USDA Service Center 4 Director in Oklahoma City - (405) 751-1701, Byron.R.Schick@aphis.usda.gov.

California Department of Food & Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry

916-900-5052

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Entry_Requirements.html

All horses, cattle, and swine *originating from any state where vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed since May 27, 2014, (except cattle and swine transported directly to slaughter) must be accompanied by a health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection) and signed by an accredited veterinarian that includes the following statement: *"The animals represented on this certificate have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis, or a premises on which VS has been diagnosed in the past 30 days. I have examined the animals and have found no signs of vesicular stomatitis."*

*For purposes of this requirement, "originating" means horses, cattle, and swine that initially leave the VS infected state and come to California, or those that leave any state, visit an infected state, and then return to California. Slaughter animals are exempt from this requirement.

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has no additional requirements, at this time, on horses coming from a VS-infected area to enter race tracks and/or CHRB-approved training centers. For more information, contact CHRB at (916) 263-6000.

Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

850-410-099

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry>

Florida Entry Requirements for Livestock Originating from Vesicular Stomatitis-Affected States - Texas

Texas has reported five horses positive for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) on a premises southwest of San Antonio. This is the first reported finding in the United States in 2014.

In an effort to work with and protect Florida's livestock industry from VS, the Division of Animal Industry is initiating the following additional requirements for all livestock entering Florida from

Texas. These requirements are in addition to the routine requirements for livestock importing into Florida as specified in Florida Administrative Code 5C-3, (<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5C-3>).

VS REQUIREMENTS: All livestock, including horses, imported into Florida from Texas must now meet the requirements of 5C-3.002(5),

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=5C-3>.

5C-3.002(5) Vesicular Stomatitis.

(a) Certification for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS).

1. All hoofed animals, including horses, ruminants, swine, exotic and wild hoofed animals, originating from non-affected premises or within 10 miles of an affected premises in a VS-affected state must be accompanied by an OCVI, dated within five (5) days of entry or reentry into Florida. The OCVI must be signed by an Accredited Veterinarian.

2. The following statement must be written on the OCVI by the examining Accredited Veterinarian: "All animals susceptible to Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) identified and included in this OCVI for shipment have been examined and found to be free from clinical signs and vectors of VS and have not been in contact with VS-affected animals and have not been within ten (10) miles of a VS-affected premises within the last thirty (30) days."

(b) Prior Permission Number. Animals originating from non-affected premises in a VS-affected state will require a prior permission number. The prior permission number must be written on the OCVI. (Permit numbers may be obtained by calling 850-410-0956 or 0900)

(6) Violations. Violators of this rule chapter will be penalized in accordance with Rule 5C-30.003, F.A.C.

NOTICE: SLAUGHTER ANIMALS GOING TO FLORIDA ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

Idaho Department of Agriculture

208-332-8540

<http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/Animals/importExport/indeximportexport.php>

109.VESICULAR STOMATITIS.

No livestock may enter Idaho from another state if Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed within ten (10) miles of the premises of origin of the shipment within the last thirty (30) days.

01. Certificate of Inspection. Any livestock entering Idaho from a state where Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last thirty (30) days shall be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection with the following statement written by the accredited veterinarian on the certificate: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis. During the last thirty (30)

days; these animals have neither been exposed to Vesicular Stomatitis nor located within an area where Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed.”

02. Permit for Entry. Livestock from states in which Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last thirty (30) days shall be accompanied by a permit for entry into Idaho. The permit number shall be written on the certificate of veterinary inspection

Illinois Department of Agriculture

Section 85.130 Vesicular Stomatitis

All veterinarians issuing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for livestock including equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, and cervidae transported into Illinois from any state with a confirmed diagnosis of vesicular stomatitis within the past 30 days must include the following statement on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: "Vesicular stomatitis has not been diagnosed on the premises of origin within the past thirty days. I have examined the premises of origin and have found no signs of vesicular stomatitis."

Kentucky Department of Agriculture: Division of Animal Health

502-564-3956

www.kyagr.com/statevet/

Notification was received that horses residing on a premises in Kinney County, Texas have been diagnosed with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). With the notification received, Kentucky State Veterinarian Robert Stout, through Kentucky’s Administrative Regulation 302 KAR 20:115, now prohibits entry of all livestock, wild and exotic animals into Kentucky originating **from any Texas premises currently under quarantine** as a result of confirmed or suspected cases of vesicular stomatitis. Additionally, any such animal that has been on premises currently quarantined for VS during the 30 days prior to entry is prohibited entry into Kentucky.

Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas Animal Health Commission’s (TAHC) Executive Director and State Veterinarian, has provided information describing the geographic environment, premises, and information pertaining to the affected and cohort animals. Based on the epidemiologic information made available to us, we have concluded no further restrictions (beyond those implemented by TAHC) are needed at this time.

Individuals who have equine currently in export quarantine, or are planning exportations should immediately contact the USDA supervising personnel to determine if any additional testing or certifications are being required by the Country the animals are being prepared to ship to.

We will continue to monitor developments, so please note these restrictions are subject to change without advance notice. Updates can be found at www.kyagr.com/statevet/

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry

222-925-3980

pressesecretary@LDAF.la.org

Any livestock (equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, or ovine) entering Louisiana from a county where VS has been diagnosed within the last thirty (30) days must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection written within ten (10) days of entry containing the following statement: **"All animals identified on this certificate have been examined and found free from signs of VS, have not been exposed to VS, and have not originated from a premises which is under quarantine for VS."**

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Horse must be accompanied by an interstate health certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection signed by an accredited, licensed veterinarian from the state of origin that includes the following statement:

"I have examined the animal/s listed on this certificate and have found no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis. To the best of my knowledge, these animals have not been exposed to vesicular stomatitis within the previous 30 days, nor have they been vaccinated with a vesicular stomatitis vaccine."

Montana Department of Livestock

For horses only: **This applies to horses intended for export to Canada **only**.**

1. "The horse(s) has(have) not been on a premises where Vesicular Stomatitis (clinical or serology) has occurred during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation to Canada, nor has this disease occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time; and
2. The horse(s) has(have) *tested negative to Vesicular Stomatitis using a cELISA test during the fifteen (15) days prior to date of importation into Canada.

Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry

402-471-2351

<http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/regulations/animal/tilac.html>

- Will need a permit, 48 hours inspection, and a statement as described below for susceptible species

004.12 Vesicular Stomatitis. In addition to those general requirements contained in this section, all importers of cattle, camelids (including camels, llamas, alpaca, etc.), cervidae, equidae (including horses, donkeys, mules, etc.), sheep, goats, and swine from any state which has a herd or area quarantined for vesicular stomatitis shall:

004.12A Obtain a permit prior to import into Nebraska, with the permit number recorded on the CVI;

004.12B Require the issuing veterinarian to record the following statement on the CVI: "The animals represented on this CVI have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis or a premises on which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the last thirty (30) days. I have examined the animals and found no signs of vesicular stomatitis"; and

004.12C For exhibition purposes, all animals imported into Nebraska shall be examined for vesicular stomatitis by an accredited veterinarian within forty-eight (48) hours of importation into Nebraska and so stated on the CVI.

New Jersey Department of Agriculture

- (a) All livestock and wild and exotic animals, to be imported from states which have been identified as being affected with the contagious viral disease known as Vesicular Stomatitis must first obtain a permit for entry by telephone at (609) 292-3965 or by fax at (609) 633-2550 (weekdays, 8:45 A.M. – 4:45 P.M., EDT).
- (b) Permits will be granted only for those animals that are accompanied by an approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which includes a statement that:
 - a. The Animals have been examined and found free of evidence of vesicular stomatitis;
 - b. During the 30 days prior to shipment, the animals have not been within 10 miles of any premises on which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within 60 days;
 - c. The animals have not been exposed to any animal which has been vaccinated with vesicular stomatitis vaccine, of any kind, within the last 30 days; and
 - d. The animals must have a negative test for vesicular stomatitis performed by and approved laboratory 10 days prior to shipment.
- (c) Animals imported into New Jersey under such a permit shall be automatically quarantined for 14 days, and shall be isolated from other livestock until the quarantine expires or the animal(s) is released by the State Veterinarian or his or her representative.

- (d) Premises suspected or found positive by official laboratory confirmation for vesicular stomatitis shall be quarantined by the Division of Animal Health, New Jersey Department of Agriculture.
- (e) One official laboratory confirmation of vesicular stomatitis exists, such premises shall remain under quarantine until the State veterinarian of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture is satisfied that the risk of disease exposure no longer exists.

New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets: Division of Animal Industry

518-457-3971

<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html>

New York's animal health regulations require that any hooved animal imported into New York from a state in which vesicular stomatitis has existed for the preceding 30 days must be accompanied by a health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection) with the following statement certified by the examining veterinarian:

"All animals identified on this health certificate have been examined and found to be free from vesicular stomatitis and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the past 30 days these animals have not been exposed to said disease, nor held at a location within ten miles of any place in which said disease has been found to exist."

A copy of the certificate bearing this statement must be sent to the Division of Animal Industry prior to the shipment and at least 1 copy must accompany the shipment.

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Veterinary Division

919-733-7601

<http://www.ncagr.gov/vet/index.htm>

Kinney County in the state of Texas has just had Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) confirmed in 5 horses in a group of 25 rescue horses located on a remote pasture. As with our last VS positive announcement in 2012 from New Mexico, please make sure that anyone calling from Texas with questions about importing livestock to NC be asked if the animals are from Kinney County and, if so, the statement below needs to be added to their CVI. A special permit or other testing will NOT be required, and animals imported from elsewhere in Texas will have no additional restrictions; just the statement below from the accredited veterinarian who writes the health certificate for any livestock from Kinney County:

"The animals represented on this certificate have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), or a premises on which VS has been diagnosed in the past 21 days. I have examined these animals and have not observed lesions or clinical sign of VS."

This requirement will be lifted when we are notified by the Texas State Veterinarian that the quarantine on the premises has been lifted and there are no more positive cases.

North Dakota Department of Agriculture: State Board of Animal Health

701-328-2655

<http://www.nd.gov/ndda/program/animal-importation-requirements>

All imports of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and cervidae ***from any states which have a confirmed Vesicular Stomatitis positive animal since the beginning of each calendar year***, are required to be accompanied by a pre-entry permit number prior to import into North Dakota. The permit number is to be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and is given to the veterinarian issuing the CVI.

A statement shall be written on the CVI by the issuing veterinarian that indicates that the animals on the CVI have not originated from a premises or an area under quarantine for Vesicular Stomatitis or a premises on which Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed in the last 30 days; and the animals in the shipment have no signs of Vesicular Stomatitis."

'For shipments within a 10 mile radius of an infected area or premises, use the statement above except for the exam must be within a 24 hour time frame as well as the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 24 hours.'

These requirements shall remain in effect until notice is given by the North Dakota Board of Animal Health.

A permit number can be obtained by contacting our office at 701-328-2655.

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture

405-522-6141

<http://www.oda.state.ok.us/ais/oair.pdf>

35:15-11-20. Requirements regarding vesicular stomatitis

Any livestock (equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae) entering Oklahoma from a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last thirty (30) days or a county that contains a premise quarantined for vesicular stomatitis shall be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection dated within five (5) days of entry containing the following statement: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from signs of vesicular stomatitis and have not originated from a premise which is under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis."

[Source: Added at 14 Ok Reg 3704, eff 8-1-97 (emergency); Added at 15 Ok Reg 2157, eff 6-11-98; Amended at 23 Ok Reg 11, eff 8-4-05 (emergency); Amended at 23 Ok Reg 866, eff 5-11-06; Amended at 27 Ok Reg 2411, eff 7-25-10]

South Carolina (Clemson University) Livestock-Poultry Health Division

803-788-2260

<http://www.clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/index.html>

South Carolina Import Restrictions for VS (R27-1013E)

Wild and domesticated hooved animals, including but not limited to bovine, equine, porcine, ovine, caprine, and cervidae, are prohibited entry into South Carolina if they have been exposed to Vesicular Stomatitis within thirty (30) days immediately preceding their entry in South Carolina, or if they originated from an area within ten (10) miles of a premise where VS has been diagnosed in the thirty(30) days immediately preceding entry into South Carolina. All animals described above which originate in a state in which VS has been diagnosed must have the following statement written by the accredited veterinarian issuing the CVI:

"All animals identified on the certificate have been examined and found to be free of VS. During the past thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located within ten (10) miles of an area where VS has been diagnosed."

Vermont Department of Agriculture

Any equine originating from a state with a case positive premises within the previous 30 days or from a state adjacent to a state with a case positive premises within the previous 30 days must have the following information on the certificate: The equine listed on this certificate has not been on a case positive premises during the previous 30 days. The equine showed no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis at the time of examination. The equine has not been knowingly exposed to vesicular stomatitis.

Wyoming Livestock Board

Wyoming State Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Logan, announced that, due to cases of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) recently found in Colorado and Texas, the Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) is now requiring that all livestock imported from any state where the disease has been diagnosed must be accompanied by a health certificate written within 10 days prior to entry into the state. Livestock animals include horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine.

Ordinarily, a health certificate is required within 30 days of importation. Logan said the 10-day requirement will remain in place until further notice. In addition, the health certificates need to include a statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the animal(s) have been visually examined, show no signs of infection and have not been exposed to any VS-infected animals.

For more information regarding state import requirements, contact the WLSB at 307-777-7515. More information on VS or other reportable diseases can be obtained by calling WLSB staff veterinarians, Dr. Jim Logan and Dr. Thach Winslow, at 307-857-4140, or Dr. Bob Meyer, at 307-777-6440.

International Export

For complete information, contact the USDA Veterinary Services (VS) Austin office in Austin at 512-383-2411 for export requirements.

- Due to the outbreak of VS in Texas, Canada is prohibiting the import of all horses from the State of Texas. Horses can move out of the state and be certified for export, provided that they are out of Texas for 21 days (this is already the same requirement as for piroplasmiasis) and meet all other applicable requirements. The only exception to this is **Canadian origin horses returning to Canada (within 60 days of export)** from the state of Texas. As in previous outbreaks, Canada will allow them to return, provided the US export documentation contains the following statements, in addition to all the other certification statements:
 - *The horse(s) have not been on a premises where Vesicular Stomatitis (clinical or serology) has occurred during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation to Canada, nor has this disease occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time. The horses must have tested negative to Vesicular Stomatitis using a cEISA test, during the 15 days prior to the date of importation into Canada.*
- European Union requires testing of all horses as well as equine semen and embryo donors imported from the entire United States for six months after the last VS infected premise is released from the quarantine.
- Mexico doesn't impose any restrictions due to VS.
- S. Korea prohibition on export - "The horses for export shall be produced in a region or state, where there have been no outbreaks of equine vesicular stomatitis for 2 years prior to shipping."
- For horses and species other than equine, please advise exporters to check the export certificate for vesicular stomatitis testing or country/state/county freedom statements.