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VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE

Subject: Importation of Horses From Canada

To: Directors, VS Regions
Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS
Port Veterinarians, VS

The purpose of this Notice is to clarify the requirements for horses imported into the United States from Canada if they have been resident in Canada for less than 60 days. Horses that have not met the residency requirement in Canada must have the following in order to enter the United States.

1. Original health certificate from the country of origin. If the original is not available, a copy endorsed by an official Agriculture Canada (AgCanada) veterinarian is acceptable.
2. Certification that the horse has been tested for dourine, glanders, equine infectious anemia, and equine piroplasmosis in Canada and has been released from quarantine. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will not recognize laboratory results from countries other than Canada.
3. An official health certificate issued by a Canadian-accredited veterinarian, endorsed by an AgCanada veterinarian, to cover the time period that the horse has been in Canada.

These three requirements apply to all horses from countries considered free of contagious equine metritis (CEM) by USDA, as stated in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 92.301(c)(1). They also apply to geldings and horses under the age of 731 days originating in countries affected with CEM. These animals do not require a permit.

Mares and stallions originating from countries affected with CEM will need all of the above requirements. In addition, they will need a Veterinary Services (VS) Form 17-130 "Application for Import or In Transit Permit" issued by USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, VS, Import-Export Animals Staff, if they have not completed CEM quarantine requirements in Canada.

These requirements do not apply to horses transiting Canada by air that will be quarantined in the United States after their arrival.

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