



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

May 7, 2015

Dr. Perry Durham
Arizona State Veterinarian
Arizona Department of Agriculture
1688 West Adams Street
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Dear Dr. Durham:

Subject: REVISED: Vesicular Stomatitis Requirements for Importing Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Goats, and Swine into California

Based on the international delisting of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) and recent scientific evidence, California is revising the VS entry requirement statement on Certificates of Veterinary Inspection from VS affected states. Specific changes include the removal of the 10 mile radius restriction and the additional requirement for examination of animals within 72 hours of the shipment date.

All horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine **originating* from any state where vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed since April 29, 2015, (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:

"I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or a VS suspected premises."

**For purposes of this requirement, "originating" means horses, cattle, sheep, goats 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.*

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.

Sincerely,

Annette Jones, D.V.M.
California State Veterinarian

cc: Dr. Rick Arthur, Equine Medical Director, CHRB

