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EXPORT OF US HORSES TO CANADA

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Please visit the APHIS website above for the latest updates pertaining to the international export of US horses to Canada. The following changes and information has been posted effective January 14, 2013.

For horse certificate endorsement, please make an appointment by calling our office at **360-753-9430** OR send all paperwork to USDA in one package via FedEx, UPS, or Priority USPS. **Please retain your tracking number.**

Processing Time: Processing certificates via FedEx, UPS, or Priority mail takes 24-48 hours upon receiving documents for endorsement.

Packages **must** include the following:

1. Completed **US origin international equine health certificate**, either the **VS 17-145** or **VS 17-140**. Instructions and requirements are included in this package. See below for special requirements for use of the VS 17-140.
2. **Original EIA (Coggins) Laboratory Report Form** (Owner or Veterinarian original document only). Fax or photocopies are **not** acceptable documentation for international export.
3. **Equine Health Certificate Addendum** with required health statements (attached to this package).
4. **USDA User Service Fee**- Endorsement fees are payable by check, money order or credit card. We are unable to accept cash.

Check:

- i. Please **make checks payable to "USDA"**.

Credit Card: If you choose to pay by credit card, you must include the following information:

- i. **Name** as it appears on the card, type of card (VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER)
- ii. **Card number**,
- iii. **Expiration date**
- iv. **Security code**,
- v. **Current billing address**
- vi. **Contact phone number**

5. **Pre-addressed return envelope.** If sending via Fed-Ex or UPS, or USPS priority mail, enclose a prepaid envelope with way bill addressed to **and from** recipient.

The USDA will assign and apply the health certificate number to the certificates. The accredited veterinarian will **sign the health certificate** and **attach the Addendum Health Certificate** that includes all current applicable health certification statements. Health certification requirements for animals that have resided in the states of Texas, New Mexico, or Colorado in the past 21 days differ. Please refer to the APHIS website above for a discussion of the complete international health requirements. The current individual horse fee is \$60.00 per certificate if using the 17-145 for the export of horses from the US to Canada. We have attached the current fee schedule. Fees change October 1st of every year.

MULTIPLE NON-SLAUGHTER HORSE CONSIGNMENTS ON A SINGLE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

VS Form 17-140: USE ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE MET:

1. All horses must be from a **single** consignor, they must be consigned to the **same destination**, and they must come from the same premises of origin.
2. All horses must have current EIA test charts, and these charts must be attached to the VS 17-140. The EIA certificate must have a complete written and pictorial description of the horse, including the location of markings, scars, tattoos, brands, or other distinguishing attributes. The identification of the horse must include an accurate drawn description of the horse, sufficient to unambiguously identify the animal and link it to the individual horse entry on the VS 17-140 and the EIA laboratory test results.
3. All horses listed on the 17-140 must be uniquely identified on that certificate. There are two acceptable ways of meeting the identification requirement:
 - a. **All horses must have a visual numerical identification** - e.g., mane tag, back tag, or necklace-type tag. Each horse in the lot must be numbered differently, and this number must be entered alongside the horse's written description, **BLOCK A**, on the VS 17-140. This same individual ID number must be hand-written on the corresponding EIA test chart in order to link that horse with the testing records.

OR

- b. **The EIA laboratory accession number must be listed in the description block (BLOCK A) for each and every horse listed on the 17-140.** Use of this procedure is only adequate if the EIA laboratory certificate provides sufficient information to positively and uniquely identify the horse.

Additional Information: Reentry into the US within the 30 day valid period of the US International Export Certificate.

Horses of US origin exported to Canada with a US issued VS 17-145 international export health certificate valid for a period of 30 days from the date of issue may reenter the United States an unlimited number of times during the 30 day period, without USDA veterinary port inspection, at any Customs land border port of entry designated for animals from Canada. These returning horses must be accompanied by the original export health certificate and addendum certificate.

Horses of US origin exported to Canada with a US issued VS 17-140 or VS 17-140A international health certificate may reenter the United States within 30 days from the date of issue only if all horses on the original 17-140 return to the US as a complete group.

The User Fee for endorsement of the 17-140 and 17-140A forms is \$60.00 for the first horse and \$7.00 for each additional horse. See attached fee schedule.

Endorsement can be accomplished by either scheduling an appointment with the Export Office at 360-753-9430 or by submitting your documents by mail (FedEx, UPS, Express Mail, regular mail). Please include all signed original documents, endorsement payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of endorsed documents. Processing time for certificates is 48 hours if submitted by mail. Retain FedEx, UPS, and/or USPS tracking numbers for reference.



Addendum Health certificate number: _____ (USDA Assigns #)
Additional Canada Horse Certification statements:

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Veterinary Services
Washington/Alaska/
Oregon District Office

1550 Irving St SW,
Suite 100
Tumwater, WA
98512

(360) 753-9430
FAX (360) 753-9585

1. The animal was inspected within 30 days prior to export and found to be healthy and free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto.
2. The animal was, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the issuing veterinarian, not exposed to any communicable disease within 60 days preceding the date of inspection;

Either: (Check only one box next to statement that applies)

- a.) The animal has resided in the United States or Canada since birth
- b.) The animal has met all of the import requirements of the United States of America and has resided in the United States of America for the past 60 days.

3. The horse(s) have not been on premises where *T.equigenitalis* has been isolated during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation to Canada or premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM. Any female(s) in the shipment have not been bred naturally to, or inseminated with, semen from a stallion positive for CEM, or a stallion resident upon a positive premises or under quarantine or investigation for CEM.

4. Showed no clinical signs of CEM on the day of inspection.

5. The animals, at the time of the inspection, were found healthy and in a physical condition fit to be transported. (Fit to be transported means: that on the day of inspection, no animal has an infirmity, illness, injury or any other condition that could be aggravated when the animal is being transported and causing the animal to suffer).

6. The exporter has been advised that any deterioration in health or physical condition of the animals that may render animals unfit for transport may result in the shipment to be refused entry to Canada.

7. During the previous twenty-one (21) days, the animals in this shipment have not been in the State of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado or Nebraska.

Name of issuing veterinarian Signature Date

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USER FEE SCHEDULE

User fees are authorized by section 2509(c)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, as amended (21 U.S.C., 136a). This fee increase structure has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.

Effective **October 1, 2013** the user fees are as follows. Listed below are the endorsement fees for this fiscal year. There is no fee increase for 2014.

| <u>CERTIFICATE</u> | <u>FEE as of 10/01/2013</u> |
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| HORSES TO CANADA (APHIS Form 17-145) → Each horse certificate | \$60.00 |
| HORSES TO CANADA (APHIS Form 17-140/17-140A) → Each add'l horse (same cert. - same owner - same destination) | \$60.00 \$7.00 |
| PETS (Dogs, cats, etc) with no tests per animal/per certificate | \$38.00 |
| RUMINANTS with 0 tests per certificate (ie, sheep to Canada) | \$52.00 |
| ANIMALS with 1-2 tests → (Each add'l animal) | \$121.00 \$7.00 |
| ANIMALS with 3-6 tests → (Each add'l animal) | \$150.00 \$12.00 |
| ANIMALS with 7+ tests → (Each add'l animal) | \$173.00 \$14.00 |
| POULTRY (& Hatching Eggs) | \$48.00 |
| SLAUGHTER ANIMALS (to Canada or Mexico) | \$56.00 |
| EMBRYOS (up to 5 donor pairs) (Each add'l group of 5 donor pairs) | \$132.00 \$59.00 |
| SEMEN | \$81.00 |
| BY-PRODUCTS | \$51.00 |

We welcome you to view the User Fee schedule at the following link:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/mrpb/fmd/vs_import_export_fees.shtml#13020

User Fees are payable by the following methods:

major credit/debit card, money order, personal check

or

active APHIS-VS account.