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# Equine Imports - Alaska From/To The United States

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## Traveling Between Alaska and the Continental United States via Canada

All equids (horses, burros, donkeys and mules) entering Alaska require an official health certificate of veterinary inspection.

### Equids Transiting Through Canada by Land

**CAUTION: *Before you depart*** the United States and enter Canada, make sure that your certificate will still be valid upon entry into Alaska or reentry into the lower 48 States. The certificate is valid 30 days **after the date of inspection (box 14 on page 1 of the model certificate for export)** for export by the accredited veterinarian.

Equids transiting through Canada to Alaska require an international export health certificate issued by a USDA-accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a USDA-APHIS (Federal) veterinarian. Work with your accredited veterinarian and local USDA APHIS Service Center to obtain an international export certificate. For specific questions on procedures and requirements for entry to Alaska, contact the following offices:

- vs.nbp@usda.gov
- livestockexport@usda.gov

**International export health certificates must comply with:**

- Time constraints—certificates are only valid for 30 days from the date of inspection by the USDA-accredited Veterinarian (box 14 on page 1 of the health certificate for export),
- Requirements for entry of equids to Canada (258.74 KB),

**and**

- An Alaska State import permit. A permit number will be issued to the accredited veterinarian writing the health certificate or CVI by the State of Alaska Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV). There is no fee for the State import permit. The permit may be obtained on the OSV website or by calling 907-375-8200 during normal business hours.
- A negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test with blood drawn by an accredited veterinarian within 180 days of departure for Alaska. USDA APHIS accepts both the cElisa and AGID EIA tests for movement between the United States and Canada. EIA testing laboratories must be approved by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, IA.

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Due to the dynamic nature of security requirements and inspection personnel, you **MUST contact the port at least 3 business days prior to crossing.** Each port may have its own additional requirements; contact them for the latest information.

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## Equids Flown or Barged From One U.S. State to Another U.S. State

Equids flown or barged from one U.S. State to another U.S. State require an interstate health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian, **and:**

- An Alaska state import permit. A permit number will be issued to the accredited veterinarian writing the health certificate or CVI by the State of Alaska Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV). There is no fee for the State import permit. The permit may be obtained on the OSV website or by calling 907-375-8200 during normal business hours.
- A negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test with blood drawn by an accredited veterinarian within 180 days of departure for Alaska. USDA APHIS accepts both the cElisa and AGID EIA tests for movement between the United States and Canada. EIA testing laboratories must be approved by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA.

The official certificate of health or CVI should include statements that the horses identified on the certificate:

- Are free from symptoms of infectious or contagious disease.
- Have not originated from a premises or region under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis or where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the past **30 days.**
- Have not originated from a premise or region under quarantine for equine piroplasmosis or where equine piroplasmosis has been diagnosed in the last **45 days.**
- Have not been on any premise where contagious equine metritis (CEM) has been isolated during the **60 days** immediately preceding export to Alaska or a premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM. If a mare, she has not been bred naturally to or inseminated with semen from either a stallion positive for CEM or a stallion residing on a premise under quarantine or investigation for CEM.

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# Fees

The processes and fees involved with importing horses and other equids, as well as equid germplasm (semen, embryos, and cloning tissue) depend on the conditions of

entry.

APHIS charges to issue an import permit and for amending and renewing a permit if applicable.

Costs are associated with providing services for importing and transiting horses at airports, ocean ports, rail ports, land border ports, and southern border port and animal import center quarantines.

The fees billed are per individual horse. Charges for combined shipments may be split between brokers.

Overtime rates apply for after duty hours, weekends, and holidays for inspection services (see 9 CFR 130.30).

Hourly rates also cover the costs of monitoring in-bond or transiting horses passing through the United States and exporting to other countries.

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