

## Travel to and from Alaska

### Travel to Alaska:

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

- a. Equids **transiting through Canada to Alaska** require an international export health certificate issued by a USDA accredited veterinarian and endorsed by an 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:

- o Chugiak, Alaska ([alaska.import.export@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:alaska.import.export@aphis.usda.gov)) (907) 688-1229
- o Service Center 6 in Sacramento, CA ([sacramento.vs.import.export@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:sacramento.vs.import.export@aphis.usda.gov)) (916) 854-3960

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

- Time constraints – certificates are only valid for 30 days.
- Requirements for entry of equids to Canada, found here:  
[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca\\_eq\\_6\\_16.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca_eq_6_16.pdf)

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- 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 webpage: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/EH/ATS/index.html> 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.

- b. Equids **flown or barged into Alaska from another U.S. state** require an interstate health certificate or CVI signed by an accredited veterinarian.

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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 piroplasmiasis or where equine piroplasmiasis 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.

### **To enter Canada from Alaska and traveling by land to the continental United States**

Any equid transiting by land through Canada must meet the entry requirements of Canada, including an international health certificate. They will not require a USDA permit. Horses transiting Canada by air from Alaska will require a USDA import permit issued by NIES in Riverdale, MD.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca\\_eq\\_6\\_16.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca_eq_6_16.pdf)

It is the responsibility of the accredited veterinarian that issued the CVI for the equids to ensure the equids meet the entry requirements of the state of destination. Equids entering permanently into the United States after transiting through Canada require a veterinary inspection at the U.S. border port of entry. Please refer to contact information for the northern border ports that accommodate horses importing from Canada to schedule an appointment for inspection with the USDA APHIS (federal) veterinarian, based on availability.

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/sa\\_by\\_country/sa\\_c/ct\\_animal\\_canada](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/sa_by_country/sa_c/ct_animal_canada)

Canadian Import Desk: (800) 442-2342