

The export of horses, swine and ruminants to Canada is suspended from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Virus affected states, as indicated below (exceptions as noted):

- California: effective May 18, 2023-**February 17, 2024***. Any animals that have been in the state in the previous 21 days (April 26, 2023 - May 18, 2023) are also ineligible for movement to Canada. ***Tentative date. Subject to change if any new detections.**
- Texas:
 - effective June 15, 2023 – July 27, 2023. Any animals that have been in the state in the previous 21 days (May 25, 2023 – June 15, 2023) are also ineligible for movement to Canada.
 - effective August 8, 2023 – September 21, 2023. Any animals that have been in the state in the previous 21 days (on or after July 17, 2023 – August 8, 2023) are also ineligible for movement to Canada.
- Nevada: effective July 27, 2023- September 8, 2023. Any animals that have been in the state in the previous 21 days (on or after July 6, 2023 -July 27, 2023) are also ineligible for movement to Canada.
- Horses, swine and ruminants in infected VS states will have to be moved to a non-infected state, remain for at least 21 days and be certified by USDA as follows:
All states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days have been free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada.
Please note: Interstate animal health requirements may prohibit movement between states without permit/certification/testing/post-entry testing. Exporters should check individual state requirements prior to movement.
- **Transiting VS affected states**
Whenever possible, U.S. origin and returning Canadian horses, swine and ruminants should avoid travelling through the infected states. If the only route available is through a VS affected state, when the owner/shipper arrives at the Canadian port of entry they must complete a **Supplementary Declaration which must be countersigned by the CFIA Veterinarian.**
Please note: This is an additional requirement. Exporters should contact CFIA (information below) in advance of arrival, regarding the specific requirements for entry.

EXCEPTIONS

- **CANADIAN HORSES, SWINE AND RUMINANTS RETURNING TO CANADA**
will not be able to enter Canada after a stay in a VS infected state in the last 21 days. The exception to this rule is Canadian Animals returning on their Canadian health certificate can do so up to three (3) days* after the state they are in has been declared affected by vesicular stomatitis by USDA and **must** be inspected by the CFIA POE vet. Otherwise, the Canadian health certificate is null and void.

*California – May 22, 2023

Texas – August 11, 2023

Nevada – July 30, 2023

- **CFIA PRE-APPROVED EVENTS**

The CFIA and USDA have negotiated an option that allows U.S **horses and ruminants** originating from VS affected states and Canadian horses and ruminants to return from VS affected states to attend major competitions/exhibitions. This option is only available to horses and ruminants participating in the following competitions/exhibitions that have been pre-approved by the CFIA (IAB):

- Royal Winter Fair
- Agribition
- Calgary Stampede
- Thunderbirds
- Spruce Meadows
- Longines Global Tour
- Denver Stock Show
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Desert International Horse Park Show Series

- US origin and returning Canadian horses and ruminants that qualify for this exception are required to:

1) Obtain a CFIA import permit

Please visit [My CFIA - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](https://mycfia.canada.ca) or contact the Permission's office (1-855-212-7695 or permission@inspection.gc.ca) for information regarding permits.

2) Obtain a USDA health certificate with the USDA addendum for VS and must be certified by USDA as follows:

The animal(s) for export to Canada must be certified for vesicular stomatitis (VS) as follows:

1) All premises on which the animal(s) has/have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days must have been free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of VS during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to movement of the animal(s) off the premises, and this disease has not occurred on any premises within a 25 mile (40 km) radius during the same period of time.

AND

2) The animal(s) must have tested negative for VS using a c-ELISA test within the seven (7) days immediately prior to export to Canada. Test Date: _____

AND

3) The animal(s) was/were inspected within the seven (7) days immediately prior to export to Canada and found to be free of clinical signs of VS.

AND

4) The animal(s) was/were protected from insect vectors during the seven (7) days immediately prior to export to Canada and during transport to Canada.

AND

5) The animal(s) is/are accompanied by a CFIA import permit and the import permit number is recorded on the addendum.

3) Be inspected by a CFIA veterinarian at the Canadian port of entry and successfully complete a detailed inspection. An appointment for a veterinary inspection must be made

with the appropriate district office well in advance of animals' arrival at the port of entry. District office contact information is provided here: [Contact a Canadian Food Inspection Agency office by telephone - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](#)