

## 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:

- Palmer, Alaska ([alaska.import.export@usda.gov](mailto:alaska.import.export@usda.gov)) (907) 229-7656
- Service Center 6 in Sacramento, CA ([sacramento.vs.import.export@usda.gov](mailto:sacramento.vs.import.export@usda.gov)) (916) 854-3960

#### **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](#)

#### PLUS

- 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.

- 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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- c. 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 Live Animal Import/Export in Riverdale, MD. Import requirements for Canada can be found on the website below.

#### [Import Health Requirements of Canada for Horses from the United States of America](#)

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 the [Equine Import- Canada](#) website to locate contact information for the desired port of entry and schedule an appointment for inspection with the USDA APHIS (federal) veterinarian.

#### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT FOR HORSES TRANSITING CANADA TO ALASKA, OR RETURNING TO LOWER 48 STATES\*\*\*:**

**CAUTION:** *Before you depart* the United States and enter Canada, please 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.