

# Equine Requirements

## 1. Intrastate (within Florida) Requirements

### A. Requirements for Movement within Florida

1. All horses moving within the state, must have an official report of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test (EIA or Coggins test) dated within 12 months of the blood sample being taken.
  - a. Foals under 6 months of age, accompanied by their dam who has proof of an official, negative EIA test are exempted from test requirements.
2. An official EIA test must be conducted at a state and federally approved laboratory. Accepted EIA tests include:
  - a. Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test
  - b. Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (cELISA) test
  - c. Other USDA Licensed test approved by the State Veterinarian (none currently)

### B. Requirements for Change of Ownership

1. A current owner's original copy or laboratory certified copy of an official, negative EIA test dated within 12 months of the blood sample being taken, must be transferred to the new owner with the horse.

### C. Requirements for Assembly

1. Horses congregated at a public or private assembly must have a report of a negative EIA test conducted within the previous 12 months. Such assemblies include but are not limited to, boarding stables and pastures, shows, exhibitions, fairs, rodeos, racetracks and trailrides.
2. The owner of a boarding stable or pasture, the sponsors of an event, or the person designated in charge of an event is responsible for ensuring that the report of the EIA test requirements have been met and must maintain records for a period of 2 years. These records must be available for inspection by a Department representative whenever requested and must include the following information:
  - a. The name of the horse;
  - b. The name of the owner of the horse or the name of the owner's representative;
  - c. The EIA test date, which is the date the blood sample was obtained to be submitted; and
  - d. The laboratory accession number of the report of the EIA test.
  - e. The records must be maintained for a period of two years and must be available for inspection by a Department representative whenever requested.

## **D. Requirements for Breeding Stock**

1. Stallions and mares used for breeding purposes must have a report of a negative EIA test conducted within 12 months prior to breeding.

## **B. Interstate Requirements (Import into Florida)**

### **A. Requirements for Movement (import) into Florida**

1. All horses imported into the state must have an official report of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test (EIA or Coggins test) dated within 12 months of the blood sample being taken.
  - a. Foals under 6 months of age, accompanied by their dam who has proof of an official, negative EIA test are exempted from test requirements.
2. An official EIA test must be conducted at a state and federally approved laboratory. Accepted EIA tests include:
  - a. Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test
  - b. Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (cELISA) test
  - c. Other USDA Licensed test approved by the State Veterinarian (none currently)
3. In addition to the negative EIA test, all horses imported into the state must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). The OCVI must be in the possession of the driver of the vehicle or person otherwise in charge of the animals. The OCVI must accompany the animals to their final destinations in Florida.
  - a. The OCVI must be legible and fully completed by the issuing accredited veterinarian and must include the following:
    - i. The name and address of the consignor;
    - ii. The name and address of the consignee;
    - iii. The point of origin and premises identification number, if assigned by state officials in the animal's state of origin;
    - iv. The point of destination;
    - v. The date of examination;
    - vi. The number of animals examined;
    - vii. The sex, age, name and breed of each identified animal;
    - viii. The establishment or premises location at which the animal was examined,;
    - ix. The body temperature at examination;
    - x. Color and markings of each animal, and
    - xi. Prior permission number, if required;
4. Prior Permission Number. A prior permission number may be obtained by calling (850) 410-0900, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm, E.S.T. The prior permission number is required on:
  - a. Equine consigned directly to a veterinary medical treatment facility for emergency medical care which do not have appropriate documentation for interstate movement;

- b. Equine imported into the state from countries where Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) is endemic; or
- c. Equine imported into Florida from non-affected premises in VS-affected states; or
- d. Equine imported from U.S. possessions or states where Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is endemic.
  - a. **Note:** Horses originating from 19 southern counties in Texas have increased EP import requirements. For more information visit, [http://www.freshfromflorida.com/content/download/23842/485944/EP\\_Endemic\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/content/download/23842/485944/EP_Endemic_Announcement.pdf), or call (850) 410-0900.

## **B. Equine Event Extension/Passport documents**

1. The Equine Event Extension document, or Equine Interstate Passport Card, or equivalent from the animal's state of origin, can be used in place of the OCVI and EIA test document. The official state document must certify the existence of an official negative EIA test within the previous twelve (12) months and a valid OCVI.
2. The official document will be valid for up to six months from date of issuance of the OCVI provided the EIA test remains valid during that time.
3. For more information on the Florida Event Extension/Passport program please visit, <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry/Consumer-Services/Consumer-Protection/Equine-ID-Cards-For-Intrastate-And-Interstate-Movement>, or call (850) 410-0900.