**PLEASE NOTE**: The following information is provided by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, Texas Export Section. While much of the information will apply to everyone, some is specific to Texas only. If you are in another state, please contact your local USDA Area Office [click on the map at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\_health/area\_offices/] for specific information.

## Export of Horses from the United States to Mexico

## **Documents required by the USDA's Office:**

- One original **typed** certificate without any deletions. Do not use **ANY** abbreviations!
- EIA (Coggins or ELISA) tests must be submitted as required. The tests must be signed in blue ink by the veterinarian submitting the certificate.

<u>Use the certificate for Horses from States \*\*without\*\* diagnosed CEM</u> \*\**changed 17JAN2012*\*\*

- Leave the health certificate No. blank; this will be added by USDA personnel.
- Ensure complete addresses are listed for the exporter and the importer.
- Complete the animal identification information. List ages in "months" or "years."
- DO NOT USE ANY ABBREVIATIONS! Mexico will not accept QH for Quarter Horse, or M for male – NO ABBREVIATIONS ALLOWED– CERTIFICATE MUST BE TYPED
- Ensure the description(s) typed on the certificate matches the Coggins.
- Number 5: Type the words "Free of ectoparasites".
- Number 7a: Type the type of test done (i.e. ELISA), the name of the official laboratory and the date of the test. This date must be within 60 days prior to exportation.
- Number 8: Type the inspection date and the accredited veterinarian's name.
- Type the issue date of the certificate next to the veterinarian's signature.
- Complete an addendum for each horse (you **must** complete one for ALL horses, including those that have a tattoo or microchip; descriptions on addendums must be typed; drawings may be done by hand).
- **Type a page number on each page.** (Ex: page 1 of 2).

Fee Schedule for endorsement by USDA: The fee is determined by the number of tests.

Tests: (1-2) \$117.00 for the first animal and \$6.75 for each additional animal (on same cert). Tests: (3-6) \$145.00 for the first animal and \$11.00 for each additional animal (on same cert). Tests: (7+) \$168.00 for the first animal and \$13.00 for each additional animal (on same cert). Make checks and money orders payable to: USDA, APHIS. All credit cards are accepted. Cash is not accepted. Please include a driver's license number on all checks.

Send your certificate(s) and payment to: USDA, APHIS VS, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Export Section, Room 262, Austin, TX 78701

Completed certificates will be returned to you by regular mail unless a prepaid, pre-addressed, (addressed from you to you), air bill is provided.

Always keep the tracking numbers so you can check the status with the delivery service. We do not provide the certificate status unless the certificate has been in our office for 4 business days.

## Walk-ins

You may drop your documents off. We will either call you when they are completed or you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. There is a minimum 48 hours processing time for all certificates.

## **Miscellaneous Information**

- All horses entering Mexico must be free of ticks.
- The microchip number must be on the Coggins if it was implanted before the Coggins was completed.

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