Export of Horses and Equine Germplasm: Accomplishments and Updates

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FY 2019 Equine Export Trade Accomplishments

- **5 New (Opened) Markets**
  - Horses to Serbia
  - Competition horses to Peru
  - Equine embryos to Argentina
  - Equine semen to Guatemala
  - Equine semen to Barbados

- **4 Expanded Markets**
  - Horses to Japan
  - Horses to Canada
  - Horses to Israel
  - Equine semen to Israel

- **8 Re-opened and/ or Retained Markets**
  - Horses to Mexico
  - Horses to Chile
  - Horses to Australia
  - Horses to Taiwan (transits)
  - Horses to Jordan
  - Horses to Brazil
  - Equine semen to Brazil
  - Equine semen to EU
FY 2019 Export Accomplishments

- **New History Page for Live Animal Export Updates**
- Found on Export Animal IRegs homepage, below country selection menu
  - You can filter, search, and sort
  - Sign up for GovDelivery notifications
- Stakeholder announcement will be sent out within next couple of weeks
Equine Export Trade: Restrictions

- Vesicular Stomatitis confirmed in 8 states in 2019:
  - Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Kansas, and Wyoming

- Export Impact:
  - Area restrictions
    - Usually premises level OR premises + defined radius around premises
    - Few State level bans
      - Canada: That the States where the horse resided during the last 21 days has/have been "free of VS" for the entirety of the last 21 days prior to export to Canada, regardless of if the horse resided in the state at the time the state declared a detection of VS
  - Additional testing requirements
Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

- Online system for the electronic creation, issuance, and endorsement of U.S. veterinary export health certificates
  - Paper health certificates must accompany the shipment

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Benefits:
- All in one resource: Health certificates, supporting documents, addendums, payment
- Multiple User Roles
- Save time and money
- Simplifies correction process: Changes, reissues
- Customer support
- The final certificate is available to the organization that created it immediately upon endorsement
  - No wet signature + no embossment = print and go!
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- VEHCS is currently accepted by 33 countries—more to come!
- Check color banners on IRegs and APHIS Pet Travel Website to determine country acceptance
Question & Answer

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