

Equine Import and Export Updates (FY22)



USDA APHIS Veterinary Services
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Live Animal Import/ Export Team

Equine Import Trade Accomplishments

- Published proposed Equine Import Rule to better align regulations with international standards and allow more flexibility for permitted imports, while continuing to mitigate the risk of bringing equine diseases into the United States. The proposed regulations also provide APHIS with more authority to enforce standards for transporting horses.
 - The final rule is currently undergoing review and clearance
- Updated VSG 13424.1: Procedures for the Import of Equines into the United States and Approved Quarantine facilities
- Developed a plan and led efforts to transition language in import animal protocols into fillable model health certifications to improve compliance and efficiency of clearance by APHIS port officials



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- Cooperated with personnel from VS (Trade, Equine Commodity, NVSL, Port Services), State and industry to discuss testing of sick horses in import quarantine for diseases not regulated on import and convened an internal working group to further discuss options to help manage, diagnose, and support sick horses in import quarantine
- Updated import requirements for horses from Mexico based on Mexico's change in status to VEE-affected
 - 7 days quarantine
 - Vector-proofing all equine import quarantine facilities along the U.S. Mexico border (U.S. and Mexican sides)
- VS imported ~30,000 horses over past year, highest number on record



Equine Export Trade Accomplishments

- Live Animal Export History Page
 - >300 Live Animal Export Updates
 - 3500 Gov delivery subscribers
- IREG's website
 - Updated and reformatted over 159 countries pages
- VEHCS
 - Electronic issuance and submission of all live animal export HC by USDA Accredited Veterinarians



Equine Export Trade Accomplishments



➤ **New (Opened) Markets**

- 17 markets

➤ **Expanded Markets**

- 25 Markets

➤ **Retained Markets**

- 21 markets

➤ **Re-opened Markets**

- 5 Markets



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