

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 10      APPROVED**

**SOURCE:                      COMMITTEE ON EQUINE**

**SUBJECT MATTER:          Equine Viral Arteritis Competitive Enzyme Linked  
Immunosorbent Assay Test Development**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Recent announcement of Veterinary Medical Research & Development (VMRD) ceasing production of the competitive enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (cELISA) for equine viral arteritis (EVA) is of great concern, as there is no other entity producing the cELISA test kit for EVA. The EVA cELISA is critical for the equine industry, especially in situations where a toxic serum sample results in an invalid complement fixation test. The importance of the cELISA was highlighted in 2019 in horses destined to compete in the Pan American Games. Twelve horses with toxic sera were deemed negative only by the EVA cELISA and allowed to be exported to compete. Without the EVA cELISA test, these animals would have been denied entry and not able to compete.

**RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Veterinary Services Laboratory to develop an equine viral arteritis competitive enzyme linked immunosorbent assay test for equine viral arteritis.