

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2004

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 **APPROVED**

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HORSES

SUBJECT MATTER: ELECTRONIC EIA FORMS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The United States Animal Health Association Committee on Infectious Diseases of Horses has carefully compared the VS Form 10-11 used for submission of blood samples for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing in approved laboratories to the use of electronic EIA submission forms (eEIA) and find that the eEIA submissions as developed by Global Vet Link (GVL) have the following advantages:

- Provide clients with instant results through online application
- Have direct veterinary practice connectivity – plan for submissions before they are received
- Save administrative time, labor and money with online system
- Able to identify submission errors before tests are run
- Electronically access EIA laboratory test forms and Certificates of Veterinary Inspection that utilize results posted by the laboratory
- Access a web-based animal health regulatory management system 24 / 7
- Access submissions from any computer with an Internet connection
- Secure system ensures that you only do business with accredited veterinarians
- Documents are automatically submitted to the appropriate animal health authorities
- Run real-time, secured reports and historical data queries
- No software to load, no forms to inventory, reorder, stamp, separate or shuffle
- Customer service assists with regulatory authorities, veterinary practice conflicts, and GVL application training and support
- Allow error free identification through digital imaging

The availability of eEIA has been welcomed by practitioners in the states of Florida, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa and Texas, the first states to implement eEIA on a test basis. It would be appropriate to install eEIA capabilities at the same time as Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) installation and to those states that already have ICVI as soon as possible after requests are received.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), in consultation with USAHA, provide laboratory connectivity to all states that wish to utilize or develop the electronic Equine Infectious Anemia (eEIA) application with digital identification. Through this system, states and other entities may either use the Equine Infectious Anemia application alone or in conjunction with Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection developed by GlobalVetLink under contract with USDA-APHIS-VS.

RESPONSE:

The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) is currently implementing an electronic method of creating an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). This electronic solution targets implementation in all 50 States within the 24-month period, as stated in USAHA Resolution #28. Phase I of this program started in 2003. Phase II is in progress and integrates the ICVI with VS import and export electronic systems, including the Equine Infectious Anemia (eEIA) form.

Concurrent with implementation of this electronic method, APHIS, VS is pursuing the development of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network as a solution to provide a common structure and vehicle for the electronic exchange of animal health laboratory data. This development will provide the State lab connectivity for implementation of the eEIA form as proposed in USAHA Resolution #4. With the Department's strong Information Technology leadership, VS is also committed to integrating its various information systems, as appropriate, to ensure that the national animal health needs are efficiently and effectively addressed.