

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2006

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 8 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HORSES

SUBJECT MATTER: EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA

DATES: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 12-18, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) only regulates the movement of equine infectious anemia (EIA) reactor equines. Requirements for testing prior to movement across state lines vary from state to state, leading to testing inconsistency, industry confusion, and imprecise surveillance. The equine Industry has expressed an interest in standardizing movement regulations as an important step in EIA control in the United States.

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) incorporate specific elements of the Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Uniform Methods and Rules (UMR) into the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 9, part 75, Communicable diseases in horses, asses, ponies, mules, and zebras, in order to assure that only equines having negative EIA testing status are moved interstate except as described under section 6.

Specifically, add sections 2 through 5 and 7 through 10 to part 75.4 as follows (sections 1, 6, 11, and 12 are currently part of 75.4):

75.4-Equine Infectious Anemia (Swamp Fever)

1. Definitions
2. General restrictions
3. Certificates and permits for interstate movement of equines
4. Handling in transit of equines moved interstate
5. Restrictions on interstate movement of equines because of EIA
6. EIA reactor equines
7. EIA exposed equines
8. Other interstate movements
9. Testing procedures for EIA in equines
10. Official EIA tests
11. Approval of laboratories, and diagnostic or research facilities
12. Denial and withdrawal of approval of laboratories and diagnostic or research facilities

RESPONSE:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) appreciates the work of the United States Animal Health Association, Infectious Diseases of Horses Committee's equine infectious anemia (EIA) Subcommittee, and acknowledges the need to incorporate certain specific elements of the EIA Uniform Methods and Rules into the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Title 9, part 75, Communicable diseases in horses, asses, ponies. A work plan is currently in place to initiate the proposed rulemaking process in order to offer these suggested regulatory changes to the equine industry for review and comment.