



UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Resolution

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 32 APPROVED AS AMENDED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HORSES

SUBJECT MATTER: EQUINE PIROPLASMOSIS IMPORTS PRIOR TO 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In August 2005, the official test for equine piroplasmosis (EP) on equids entering the United States was changed from Complement Fixation (CF) to the competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (cELISA). This change was a result of disclosure that the rate of false negative CF test results was unacceptably high. It is suspected that an unknown number of EP positive equids may have entered the United States in the years prior to 2005 due to inaccurate CF test results. Increased awareness, as a result of newly detected cases of EP in the United States, has led a number of states and equine events to implement test requirements for *Babesia equi* and/or *Babesia caballi*. The resulting increase in testing led to the identification of EP-positive horses in the imported horse population. The November 1, 2010 National EP Situation Report indicates 17 EP-positive imported horses have been found so far this year. Identifying possible at-risk imported horses would facilitate disease surveillance efforts in states and the nation.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) to provide, upon request, individual states with owner and animal information for all equids imported into the United States since 1995. USDA-APHIS-VS-NCIE should provide owner and imported horse information to the respective chief animal health official of the state of destination of the imported horse at the time of release of the equid from the United States equine import facilities.

INTERIM RESPONSE:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) agrees with the United States Animal Health Association's request. NCIE will provide the information to States that request it.

FINAL RESPONSE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

USDA APHIS VS National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) agrees with the United States Animal Health Association's request. To date, VS has received one request from one State for information about horses previously imported. The requested information has been provided to that State. VS has agreed to provide information upon request from the appropriate State officials.