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Animal Industry Division
Animal Disease Control Branch
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To import horses and other equines into Hawaii, the following requirements shall be met prior to entry. Horses that **do not meet pre-entry requirements may be refused entry into the state and returned to their point of origin at the importer's expense**.

Pre-Shipment Requirements for Horses Entering Hawaii

1. Health Status: Horses must be free from external parasites, transmissible diseases, and recent exposure to infectious or contagious diseases.

2. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA): Horses must have a negative Coggins test or other USDA-approved test for EIA within 90 days of shipment.

3. Equine Encephalomyelitis Vaccination: Horses must be vaccinated by a licensed, USDA accredited (Category II) veterinarian with a USDA-approved equine encephalomyelitis vaccine effective to protect against types present in the area of origin. A minimum of 15 days must pass following the final vaccination dose to be eligible for shipment.

4. Tick Treatment: Horses must be treated under the supervision of a veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a **concentration effective to kill ticks** within 7 days of shipment.

5. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): A CVI must be issued by a licensed, USDA-accredited (Category II) veterinarian.

   a) **Required items on the CVI:**

      i. Issuance: The CVI must be issued within **seven (7) days** of shipment, with the issue date recorded.

      ii. Veterinarian Information: Name, address, phone number, and signature of the USDA-accredited (Category II) veterinarian.

      iii. Consignor and Consignee Information: Names, addresses, and phone numbers of the shipper (consignor) and receiver (consignee).

      iv. Animal Description: Age, sex, breed, color, and any microchips or tattoos (if present).

      v. EIA Test Results: Negative EIA test results, test date, and the name of the USDA-authorized laboratory.

      vi. Vaccination Details: Provide the product name(s) and vaccination date(s).

   b) **Required statements on the CVI:**

      i. Horses are free from external parasites, transmissible diseases, and recent exposure to infectious or contagious diseases.

      ii. Horses have been dipped or completely sprayed by the veterinarian or under the supervision of the veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a concentration effective to kill ticks within 7 days of shipment.

   iii. Horses originated in an area where equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred in the six months preceding the date of shipment.

   iv. For horses from states affected by Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) during outbreaks, include the statement:

    "***I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or VS suspected premises.***"

6. The **CVI must accompany the shipment**.
 a) If you have any questions, please contact the Animal Disease Control Branch:

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Post-Arrival Requirements for Horses Entering Hawaii

1. Isolation: Newly imported horses must remain isolated at the farm designated on the CVI. Isolation from other equines is required until post-arrival testing is complete.
2. Post-Arrival Testing:
 b) Horses must be tested for **Equine Infectious Anemia** between **45-60 days** after arrival.
 c) Testing and sample collection must be conducted by a licensed, USDA-accredited (Category II) veterinarian in Hawaii.
 d) Samples should be submitted to the Hawaii State Veterinary Laboratory for processing.
   i. If your veterinarian submits samples to a laboratory other than the Hawaii State Veterinary Laboratory, they are **<u>required</u>** to forward copies of the test results to the Animal Disease Control Branch.