



## CANADA - US BORDER REGULATIONS FOR HORSES

Every horse crossing the US/ Canada border must have a current Coggins and Health Certificate, as well as a Supplementary Declaration or Certification Sheet. Plan ahead - these documents take time to complete.

### **1) Coggins Test**

A blood sample must be taken and a Coggins for (EIA Serum test report) filled out by an accredited veterinarian. Coggins certificates are valid for 6 months from the date that the blood sample was taken.

### **2) Health Certificate**

- For export, to be filled out in conjunction with a current Coggins certificate by a veterinarian.
- If a Coggins has just been taken, it must be back in the hands of the veterinarian before a Health Certificate can be issued.
- Must be signed by a Department of Agriculture Veterinarian prior to shipping. Most veterinarians arrange for this to be done in conjunction with everything else.
- The health certificate is valid for 30 calendar days from the date of issue and multiple crossings can be made with the same certificate within this 30 day period.

### **3) Supplementary Declaration or Certification Sheet**

In order to help control the outbreak and spread of CEM, this new supplementary declaration will be attached to your Health papers. Part A is for those travelling across the border for exhibition purposes - training, showing, events, etc. Part B is for those travelling across the border for breeding purposes. This form is provided by CFIA when the Federal Vet approves the Health Certificate. A new supplement is needed each time you cross from Canada into the US so ask for as many supplements as you are going to need, or make copies. The USDA does not provide this supplementary sheet as their Health Certificates include a statement regarding CEM.

### **4) Copies of Each Certificate**

Most ports of entry require a copy of all or some of these documents. The customs officers at the border may or may not be willing to make photocopies of the documents and a fee may be levied. Better to be prepared and take copies with you. Always keep the original.

### **You Need To:**

- **Stop at the Canadian Customs Office as well as the US Customs Office**  
Have the customs officer stamp the "date of exit" on the Supplementary Declaration. Some US Border Agencies do not recognize this form and although there is a spot for them to stamp, they may not and will send you back to the Canadian Customs Office. This protocol is not consistent, so cover all your bases and stop at both.

- **Show the Customs Officer the Health and Coggins Certificate** and provide copies for those that need them. Requirements can vary from one Customs Office or Port of Entry to the next, so be prepared.
- **Upon the horses return to Canada**, stop at both the US and Canadian Customs Offices again. When you return to Canada within 30 days of entry into the US, no veterinary inspection is required at the border. Horses may enter/re-enter at any port of entry.
- **Have the Supplementary Declaration stamped at the Canadian Customs Office.** You will be required to sign the declaration stating that the horse was not bred (Part A) and travelled only to the "address of destination" as stated on the Health Certificate.