



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE  
Karen Ross, Secretary

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Dr. Warren Hess  
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Dear Dr. Hess:

**Subject: Vesicular Stomatitis Requirements for Importing Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Goats, and Swine into California**

All horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine \*originating from any state where vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed since April 29, 2015, (except cattle and swine transported directly to slaughter) must be accompanied by a health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection) and signed by an accredited veterinarian that includes the following statement:

*"I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate 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 within a 10 mile radius of a premises where VS has been diagnosed."*

\*For purposes of this requirement, "originating" means horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine that initially leave the VS infected state and come to California, or those that leave any state, visit an infected state, and then return to California.

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has no additional requirements, at this time, on horses coming from a VS-infected area to enter race tracks and/or CHRB-approved training centers. For more information, contact CHRB at (916) 263-6000.

Sincerely,

Annette Jones, D.V.M.  
California State Veterinarian

cc: Dr. Rick Arthur, Equine Medical Director, CHRB

