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State of Alaska Import Requirements March 2017

HORSES/BURROS/DONKEYS/MULES

General Importation Requirements

1. All horses, burros, donkeys, and mules imported into Alaska must be accompanied by an Alaskan importation permit and health certificate.
 - Both documents must be attached to the waybill for the animal and must accompany the animal at all times.
2. No animal may be imported that is affected with an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, or is known to have been exposed to one in the last 30 days.
3. No animal may be imported that originates from a quarantine area as designated by another state, federal government, or foreign country.
4. Animals must be transported in a vehicle appropriate for the size and number of animals being transported, free of hazards that could injure the animals, and maintained in a sanitary condition.
5. ***Animals traveling through Canada require an International Health Certificate (IHC). The IHC is obtained from a USDA accredited veterinarian, and endorsed by a USDA APHIS Federal Veterinarian (contact info listed under "Requirements for Importation of Animals Originating in Canada"). The State of Alaska does accept the IHC; no additional state Health Certificate is required. A copy (paper copy or digital copy) of the IHC must be sent to the Office of the State Veterinarian.***

Note that due to restructuring within USDA there may be new requirements. Please contact the USDA Northern Border Ports Veterinarian, Dr. Paul Kohrs, by email at paul.h.kohrs@usda.gov, or by phone Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm Pacific Time at (360) 998-5715. For after-hours emergencies call (360) 220-6392.

Alaska Importation Permit Requirements

1. Importation permit applications can be completed online by a veterinarian at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/EH/ATS/index.html>
2. Permit is valid for 30 days after issuance and is non-transferable.
3. A single permit may be obtained for multiple animals of the same class.
4. Application must include:
 - (1) Name, address, and contact information of the person who is importing the animal, and for the person who will be responsible for the animal in Alaska;
 - (2) Physical address or point of origin of the shipment;
 - (3) Physical address of the destination of the shipment; and
 - (4) Results of required diagnostic tests.
5. Alaskan importation permit must be affixed to, or the permit number written on the health certificate and identified on any other official document as "Alaska Permit No. ____."

Health Certificate/Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

1. Health certificates can be obtained from any licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state or country of origin; one copy of the certificate must be provided to the Alaska State Veterinarian.
2. Valid for 30 days after issuance.
3. Certification must include:
 - (1) Name, address, and contact information of the person who is importing the animal, and for the person who will be responsible for the animal in Alaska;
 - (2) Physical address or point of origin of the shipment;
 - (3) Physical address of the destination of the shipment;
 - (4) Age, sex, breed, color, and markings of each animal;
 - (5) Official identification for each animal;
 - (6) Dates and records of required tests or vaccinations;
 - (7) Certification that each animal:**
 - i. Is free from evidence of, or known recent exposure to, infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases;
 - ii. Has a negative equine infectious anemia test within 180 days of import, unless under 6 months of age;

- iii. Has not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis, or where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the last 30 days;
 - iv. Has not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for equine piroplasmiasis, or where equine piroplasmiasis has been diagnosed in the last 45 days;
 - v. Has not been on premises currently under quarantine or investigation for contagious equine metritis (CEM), or where *T. equigenitalis* has been isolated within 60 days of import; and
 - vi. If female, has not been bred naturally to, or inseminated with semen from a stallion who has tested positive for CEM, or a stallion who is a resident of a premises that has tested positive for, or is under quarantine/investigation for CEM.
- (8) Date and place of examination; and
(9) Name, contact information, and signature of the certifying veterinarian.

If the above conditions are not met, or it is determined to serve the interests of animal or public health, the State Veterinarian may order an animal quarantined at the owner's expense until such time as it is released from quarantine, euthanized, slaughtered, or destroyed.

Requirements for Importation of Animals Originating in Canada

1. All State of Alaska import requirements must be met, as described above.
2. Canadian animals must have a USDA import permit issued. The USDA import permit application (VS 17-129) can be submitted via the following email address(s): VS.Live.Animals.Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov or by following the procedures to submit an application online: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/permits/ct_eauth_epermits
3. A Canadian International Health Certificate must be obtained (the State of Alaska will also accept this – no additional health certificate is required).
4. Each equine must have a negative equine infectious anemia (Coggins) test within 180 days of import.
5. Animals must be kept isolated at the destination until they are checked post-entry by the Alaska USDA APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO). It is the responsibility of the owner to contact the USDA to arrange for an inspection.

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6. Resources for additional information regarding the import of animals into the United States:
 - a. The USDA Port Veterinarian (contact information listed above).
 - b. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency: 1-800-442-2342 or 1-855-212-7695
 - c. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Import Export: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport> or VS-Live.Animals_Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov
 - d. Customs and Border Protection (to determine if a broker is required for the shipment): <https://www.cbp.gov/contact/ports/alcan> or (907) 774-2252.