

## INTERSTATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ANIMALS

This document is a supplement to the Animal Health Requirements (AI-202) published for animals exhibited at New York State county fairs and the State Fair. Its purpose is to summarize the import requirements that must be met for livestock entering New York destined for fairs. Please carefully review the Animal Health Requirements. Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination in species not required by the state. Contact the specific fair for their requirements. Fair contact information is available at [www.nyfairs.org](http://www.nyfairs.org). Further assistance can be obtained by contacting the Division of Animal Industry (DAI) at 518-457-3502 or your State Veterinarian's office. You can also go to the following link on our Dept. website: [http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/import\\_export.html](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/import_export.html)

### CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI)

A CVI is required for cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, llamas/alpacas, deer/elk and misc. ruminants moving interstate. The one exception would be horses accompanied by a valid GoPass issued by a participating state. Details on the GoPass are available at [www.globalvetlink.com](http://www.globalvetlink.com) and from your veterinarian. Note that interstate CVI's must be issued by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of CVI inspection. During the fair season, from July 1 through Labor Day, interstate CVI's can be used multiple times as long as the initial entrance to a fair in NY is within 30 days of CVI inspection and the CVI is initialed by a NY state official at the fair. All documentation must accompany the animals. Animals not meeting the interstate and/or fair requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. Individual ID is required on all animals. Animals with incomplete or illegible ID will be rejected. Where rabies vaccination is required, the information can be included on the health certificate.

**HORSES** - Horses 6 months of age or older must test negative for equine infectious anemia. The sample collection date for the qualifying EIA test must be within 12 months prior to the date of entry. The horse must be clearly and completely identified. Rabies vaccination is required for all horses 4 months of age and older on the date of admission to a fair. **Vaccination must be within the past 12 months.**

No horse or other equid (donkeys, zebras, etc.) shall be imported into the State unless accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection which includes:

- The name and address of the owner or trainer of the animal or animals
- The date of examination, the number of animals examined, the establishment or premises at which the animals were examined
- The consignee or destination and address in New York
- A description sufficient to identify the individual equine, including name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, or unique and permanent forms of identification when present (e.g., microchips, brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, or blemishes). "NO MARKINGS" is not acceptable—every animal has distinguishing features—if necessary, draw whorls, chestnuts, scars.
- For all horses six months of age and older, a negative test report for Equine Infectious Anemia conducted within 12 months of importation which includes the date of the test and the name of the USDA approved testing laboratory which conducted the test


- The signature of an examining veterinarian accredited to do regulatory work on horses (USDA Category 2) by the state or country in which a physical examination of the animal was made. The certificate of veterinary inspection shall be valid for 30 days following the date of examination appearing on the certificate or in the case of an equine interstate passport i.e. GoPass®, for six months from the date of examination.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS—**

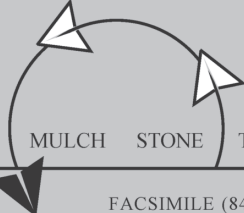
Brands - Although it is NOT official Identification, freeze branding is allowed in NY for horses. The NYS Dept of Ag & Markets maintains a brand registry. If you wish to register a brand you can send your design to our office at the following address: NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets Division of Animal Industry 10B Airline Drive Albany, NY 12235. We will compare it to our registry and will register it if it is unique. Since it is not the diagnosis and treatment of disease, branding is not considered veterinary practice. You may need a veterinarian if tranquilization is necessary. Please note that although freeze brands are not considered official identification in horses, they are permanent identification and as such should be recorded on test charts and Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.

In addition, additional endorsements may be necessary if the state of origin is currently undergoing a disease outbreak of (but not limited to) Equine Piroplasmiasis, Contagious Equine Metritis, EHV-1/EHM etc. The division's import export page [http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ai/import\\_export.html](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ai/import_export.html) should be checked under the section called "Emergency Import Regulations" to see any additional emergency importation requirements.

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