



Equine Entry Requirements

California requires a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**, issued within 30 days before entry, and evidence of a negative **Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test** performed at a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-approved laboratory within 12 months before the date of entry. These requirements apply to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros, and zebras. ([FAC 9641.5](#))

Note:

- An EIA test “pending” result does not meet the entry requirement.

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test Exemption

Nursing foals less than 6 months of age being moved with an EIA test negative dam.

The accredited veterinarian, who issues the CVI, is responsible for completing all fields on the CVI. Accredited veterinarians must retain a copy of a CVI for 5 years.

Official Methods of Equine Identification Include:

- A description to identify the individual equine including, but not limited to, name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, **and** unique permanent forms of identification (e.g. brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, blemishes, or iris scans),
- Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual equine (pictures of both sides, front, and back), and/or
- Microchips:
 - * USDA-compliant 134.2 kHz microchips, or
 - * All 125 kHz and 128 kHz microchips implanted prior to March 2014.



Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

In addition to the official animal identification, the CVI must accurately document:

- The name of the shipper,
- Physical address of point-of-origin,
- Name of the receiver,
- Physical address of point-of-destination,
- Species and number in the shipment,
- Purpose of the movement,
- Date of the EIA test, name of laboratory that performed the test, laboratory accession number, and the test result, and
- Date of the veterinary inspection.

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or [Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station. This will prevent future follow up by CDFA personnel to verify the authenticity and accuracy of the document.

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