



Equine Entry Requirements

For equine movements into the state, California requires a valid **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. An EIA test “pending” result does not meet the entry requirement. These requirements apply to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros, and zebras.

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test Exemption

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



Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

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

- The name of the shipper,
- Physical address or location for the point-of-origin of movement,
- Name of the receiver,
- Physical address or location for the 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.

The accredited veterinarian, who issues the CVI, is responsible for accurately entering the required information and for completing and signing the Veterinary Certification on the CVI. Accredited veterinarians must retain a copy of a CVI for five years.

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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Accredited veterinarians are responsible for accurately completing the CVI. The veterinarian’s access to accurate information at the time of inspection will ensure that the CVI contains essential information for movement. Horse owners are an important source of this information.

The CVI must accurately represent the official animal identification of each horse in the shipment.

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,
- USDA-compliant 134.2 kHz microchips, and/or
- All 125 kHz and 128 kHz microchips implanted prior to March 2014.



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](#)

For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit:

www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health