Summary of Texas Requirements
For Intrastate, Interstate and International Livestock (Domestic and Exotic), Poultry and Ratites

Note: The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

Equine Requirements

I. Accepted Official Equine Infectious Anemia Tests (Coggins)
   A. Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test
   B. Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (CELISA) test
   C. Other USDA-licensed tests approved by the commission

II. Intrastate (Equine moved within the state of Texas)
   A. Requirements for Change of Ownership within Texas
      1. A negative EIA test within the previous 12 months on all equine 8 months of age or older
         a. Except zebras.
         b. Except foals, under 8 months of age, nursing a negative dam.
   B. Equine Assembly or Stabling Requirements:
      1. Equine are required to have a EIA test within the last 12 months when:
         a. Equine participate in any assembly
            1) Assemblies include, but are not limited to, parades, rodeos, roping events, and trail rides.
            2) Sponsors/organizers of an assembly of equine are required to implement a procedure for review of records on each participating equine to confirm proof of a negative EIA test status prior to allowing entry of the equine into facilities or locations where the animals will be commingled.
            a. Equine are housed in boarding stables, boarding pastures, breeding farms, and training stables.
            b. Equine are stabled, boarded or pastured within 200 yards of equine belonging to another person.
            c. Equine are utilized or used for riding on publicly accessible equestrian trails, and public lands open to equestrian riding, where a congregation of equine can occur.
            d. Equine enter a pari-mutuel track.
   C. Requirements for Equine Originating in Texas and participating in:
      1. Racetrack Facility
         a. Definition of Racetrack Facility: a facility used to conduct organized horse racing.
         b. Must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection and a negative EIA test conducted within 12 months. Foals under 8 months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing.
         c. A negative Piroplasmosis test (Theileria equi) is required within the previous 12 months prior to entering a racetrack facility.
      2. Show, fair, exhibition, and assembly
         a. A negative EIA test is required within the previous 12 months prior to entering.
         b. Foals under 8 months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing.

III. Interstate (Equine moved into the state from other states)
   A. Any livestock, poultry or ratites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
   B. Entry permits are not required unless noted in the following section. Permits may be obtained by calling 512/719-0777 (24 hours) or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.
   C. ** VS Update:** No equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae may enter Texas from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis. All equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae from a vesicular stomatitis affected state must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 14 days of the date of entry into Texas.
   D. Entry Requirements for Equine:
      1. Certificate of veterinary inspection within 30 days prior to entry.
2. Proof of a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months prior to entry.  
   Exceptions to these requirements:  
   a. Equine may enter Texas when consigned directly to a veterinary hospital or clinic for treatment or  
      for usual veterinary procedures when accompanied by an entry permit number. Following release  
      by the veterinarian, equine must be returned immediately to the state of origin by the most direct  
      route; or,  
   b. Equine entering Texas for sale at a livestock market, may first be consigned directly to a  
      veterinary hospital or clinic for issuance of the certificate of veterinary inspection and/or EIA  
      testing, when accompanied by an entry permit; or,  
   c. Equine may enter Texas for shows, fairs, exhibitions or assembly purposes when accompanied by  
      a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card or equine go pass and a completed  
      VS Form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous six (6) months;  
      or,  
   d. Foals, under eight months of age, accompanying and nursing a dam with a negative test within  
      the last twelve months.  
3. A negative Piroplasmosis test (Theileria equi) is required within the previous 12 months prior to  
   entering a racetrack facility.  
4. Owners, shippers or exporters of EVA carrier stallions which are to be imported into Texas, shall notify  
   the buyer or receiver of the stallion, in writing, prior to shipment into the state, that the stallion is an  
   EVA carrier stallion and be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.  

IV. International (Equine moved into the state from foreign countries)  
   • Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for International animal requirements.  
     ▪ For Export call (512) 383-2411  
     ▪ For Import call (301) 851-3300