



# Equine

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Equine include horses, mules, asses, ponies, and other members of the horse family.

For exotic equine (zebras, etc.) movement requirements please visit the [Exotic Livestock and Ratite Movement Summary](#).

<b>Interstate Movement</b> (Out-of-State Moving into Texas)	<b>Intrastate Movement</b> (Texas Moving within Texas)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prohibited &amp; Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is affected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may not enter the state. Entry into Texas may be granted on a case-by-case basis only after permission is granted from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required within 30 days prior to entry into Texas (<a href="#">§51.2(b)</a>), unless otherwise noted or excepted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <b>Note:</b> Additional statements or language may be required on the CVI for specific species and diseases (<a href="#">51.2(b)(C)</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2.2 <b>Note:</b> All equine coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.7(d)</a>).</li> <li>2.3 <b>Note:</b> Any equine that originate from an area quarantined, excluding a quarantined facility, for equine viral arteritis (EVA), must be accompanied by a CVI which states that the animal does not exhibit clinical signs of EVA, and that the equine had a rectal temperature of 101° F. or less at the time of examination for entry (<a href="#">§51.13(c)(3)</a>).</li> <li>2.4 <b>Exception:</b> 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 issued by the TAHC. Following release by the veterinarian, equidae must be</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prohibited &amp; Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is under a Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) quarantine cannot be moved from a quarantined area unless movement is authorized by the TAHC Executive Director (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> Unless otherwise noted, equine are not required to obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI).               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <b>Note:</b> Equine entering a pari-mutuel track (<a href="#">§49.1(r)</a>).</li> <li>2.2 <b>Note:</b> Equine must meet the same requirements as for those entering from out-of-state, and be accompanied by a CVI when entering interstate shows, fairs and exhibitions (<a href="#">§51.4(b)(3)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Testing Requirements:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 <b>Equine Infectious Anemia:</b> A negative equine infectious (EIA) test is required within the previous 12 months when the following occurs:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1.1 <b>Change of Ownership:</b> All equine changing ownership in Texas must have a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months on all equine 8 months of age or older, unless otherwise excepted (<a href="#">§49.1(l)</a>).                       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1.1.1 <b>Exception:</b> A nursing foal that is transferred with its dam and the dam has tested negative for EIA during the 12 months preceding the date of the transfer (<a href="#">§49.1(l)(2)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p>returned immediately to the state of origin by the most direct route (<a href="#">§51.3(b)</a>).</p> <p>2.5 <b>Exception:</b> When agreed by the animal health official of the shipping State, equine entering Texas for sale at a livestock market, may first be consigned directly to a veterinary hospital or clinic for issuance of the CVI, when accompanied by a prior entry permit issued by the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.3(b)</a> and <a href="#">9 C.F.R. §86.5(f)</a>).</p> <p>2.6 <b>Exception:</b> When agreed by the animal health official of the shipping State, equine accompanied by a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card and a completed VS Form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous 6 months (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(10)</a> and <a href="#">9 C.F.R. §86.5(f)</a>).</p> <p>3. <b>Entry Permit:</b> Unless otherwise noted, entry permits are not required for equine. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at <a href="mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov">permits@tahc.texas.gov</a>.</p> <p>3.1 <b>Note:</b> An entry permit is required for the following movements:</p> <p>3.1.1 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 issued by the TAHC. Following release by the veterinarian, equidae must be returned immediately to the state of origin by the most direct route (<a href="#">§51.3(b)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.2 When agreed by the animal health official of the shipping State, equine entering Texas for sale at a livestock market, may first be consigned directly to a veterinary hospital or clinic for issuance of the CVI, when accompanied by a prior entry permit issued by the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.3(b)</a> and <a href="#">9 C.F.R. §86.5(f)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.3 When agreed by the animal health official of the shipping State, equine entering for consignment to a livestock market may first move directly to an EIA approved lab/vet clinic for testing. The animal must be accompanied by a prior entry permit</p>	<p>3.1.2 <b>Equine Assembly, Stabling or Congregation:</b> All equine are required to have an official negative EIA test within the previous 12 months when:</p> <p>3.1.2.1 participating in any assembly. Assemblies include, but are not limited to, parades, rodeos, roping events, and trail rides (<a href="#">§49.1(o)</a>);</p> <p>3.1.2.2 in boarding stables, boarding pastures, breeding farms, and training stables (<a href="#">§49.1(p)</a>);</p> <p>3.1.2.3 stabled, boarded or pastured within 200 yards of equine belonging to another person (<a href="#">§49.1(n)</a>);</p> <p>3.1.2.4 utilized or used for riding on publicly accessible equestrian trails, and public lands open to equestrian riding, where a congregation of equine can occur (<a href="#">§49.1(q)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.2.5 Equine entering a pari-mutuel track must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (<a href="#">§49.1(r)</a>).</p> <p>3.2 <b>Piroplasmiosis:</b> Unless otherwise noted, a negative piroplasmiosis (Piro) test (<i>Theileria equi</i>) is not required.</p> <p>3.2.1 <b>Note:</b> Equine entering a racetrack facility (A racetrack facility is grounds used to conduct live horse racing events and is not limited to facilities licensed by the Texas Racing Commission) must have a negative Piro test within the past 12 months (<a href="#">§49.5(d)</a>).</p> <p>4. <b>Other Requirements:</b></p> <p>4.1 <b>Fever Ticks:</b> For fever tick requirements, visit <a href="#">§41.5</a>.</p>



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<p>issued by the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.13(a)(5)</a>) and <a href="#">9 C.F.R. §86.5(f)</a>).</p> <p>4. <b>Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p>4.1 <b>Equine Infectious Anemia:</b> All equidae must have proof of a negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test within the previous 12 months prior to entering Texas, unless otherwise excepted (<a href="#">§51.13(a)</a>).</p> <p>4.1.1 <b>Exception:</b> Equidae consigned directly to a veterinary hospital or clinic for treatment or for usual veterinary procedures when accompanied by a permit number issued by the TAHC. Following release by the veterinarian, equidae must be returned immediately to the state of origin by the most direct route (<a href="#">§51.13(a)(3)</a>); or</p> <p>4.1.2 <b>Exception:</b> Equidae entering for shows, fairs, exhibitions or assembly purposes when accompanied by a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card and a completed VS Form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous 6 months (<a href="#">§51.13(a)(4)</a>); or</p> <p>4.1.3 <b>Exception:</b> Foals, under 8 months of age, accompanying and nursing a dam with a negative test within the last 12 months (<a href="#">§51.13(a)(6)</a>);</p> <p>4.1.4 <b>Exception:</b> Equidae entering for consignment to a livestock market may first move directly to an EIA approved lab/vet clinic for testing. The animal must be accompanied by a prior entry permit issued by the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.13(a)(5)</a>),</p> <p>4.1.5 <b>Exception:</b> When agreed by the animal health official of the shipping State, equine entering for consignment to a livestock market may first move directly to an EIA approved lab/vet clinic for testing. The animal must be accompanied by a prior entry permit issued by the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.13(a)(5)</a>) and <a href="#">9 C.F.R. §86.5(f)</a>).</p> <p><i>Entry requirements continue on page 4.</i></p>	<p>4.2 <b>Equine Viral Arteritis:</b> The TAHC Executive Director may restrict movement of equine epidemiologically deemed to a high risk for the spread of EVA (<a href="#">§49.4(c)</a>).</p> <p>5. <b>Exhibitions &amp; Events:</b> For requirements visit <a href="http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show">www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show</a>.</p>



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<b>International Movement</b> (Equine moved into Texas from foreign countries)	
<p>Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for international animal requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Export call 512-383-2411</li> <li>For Import call 301-851-3300</li> </ul>	