Equine Imports - Canada to Alaska

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Import Alert

USDA Import Permit Requirements for VS Regulated Animals from Canada entering Alaska via Land Border Ports (23.93 KB)

A permit is required for equines entering Alaska from Canada. The importer should call and schedule an appointment 72 hours in advance of crossing. The Port Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) or Animal Health Technician (AHT) or Program Assistant (PA) will be able to answer all their questions and ensure they have everything they need for a smooth import.

- Sumas, Washington
  vs.sumas.poe@usda.gov
  (360) 988-5715

- Northern Border Ports
  vs.nbp@usda.gov
  (701) 250-4210, option 2

Fees and Permitting

The processes and fees involved with importing horses and other equine, as well as equine germplasm (semen, embryos and cloning tissue) depend on the conditions

of entry.

APHIS charges a fee for the application of an import permit, and for amending and renewing a permit if applicable.

Permit Application VS 17-129

Applications for import permits may be submitted by mail to the National Import and Export Services at the following address:

> Live Animal Import Permits
> USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services
> National Import Export Services
> 4700 River Rd. Unit 39
> Riverdale, MD 20737

Applications may be submitted to the National Import and Export Services via the dedicated email address LAIPermits@usda.gov

Online Submission Process for Live Animal Import Permits
Importers with an existing Level 2 eAuthentication can now access eFile to create and submit a completed application (VS Form 17-129) for an import or transit permit for APHIS-regulated live animals and their germplasm (genetic resources). Apply now in APHIS eFile.

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