Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) Testing for Imported Horses

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Contagious equine metritis (CEM) is a venereal disease of horses. In most cases, horses that are sexually intact, over 731 days of age, and from a region or country affected by CEM are subject to CEM quarantine before being allowed into the United States, unless they have an import permit waiver.

Each CEM quarantine facility is State-approved and -operated, with APHIS oversight. The documents listed below are reference material for State CEM coordinators.

Approved Labs for CEM Testing

(PDF, 114.83 KB)

Labs approved to conduct CEM culture and serology (complement fixation test)

VS Guidance Document 15202.2

(PDF, 224.8 KB)

Approval of and Requirements for Laboratories to Conduct Tests for Contagious Equine Metritis

VS Guidance 13406.3

(PDF, 358.73 KB)

CEM Testing for Imported Horses at Approved Quarantine Facilities

Importing Horses and Other Equines

The requirements to import horses, mules, donkeys, asses, zebras, and their hybrids into our country depend on several factors.

How To Import Horses and Other Equines into the United States

States Approved for Conducting CEM Testing

State	Email or Website	Phone Number
California	ahbfeedback@cdfa.ca.gov	916-900-5002
Colorado	colorado.gov/aganimals	303-869-9130
Florida	EquinePrograms@FDACS.com	850-410-0942
Indiana	animalhealth@boah.in.gov	317-544-2400
Kentucky	agr.equine@ky.gov	502-573-0282
Maryland	animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov	410-841-5810
New Jersey	nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah	609-671-6400
New York	info@miller-dvm.com	914-276-1260
North Carolina	joe.web@ncagr.gov	919-707-3250
Ohio	animal@agri.ohio.gov	614-728-6220
Oregon	info@oda.state.or.us	503-986-4680
Rhode Island	dem.ri.gov/programs/agriculture	401-222-2781
Tennessee	animal.health@TN.gov	615-837-5120
Virginia	vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov	804-786-2483
Wisconsin	DATCPAnimalImports@wisconsin.gov	608-224-4872

For general information about this disease, visit Contagious Equine Metritis.

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