



Information for travelling to the USA with Horses

Please complete the following information for your appointment:

Registered Name: _____

Breed: _____

Birthdate: _____

Microchip#/Tattoo# _____

Physical Address of Horse's Residence/Barn:

Legal Land Location of Horse's residence/Barn:

(can be found on gas or electric bill) eg: SE-16-52-22-W4

Departure Date: _____

Destination address: _____

Stopping in Montana, Oregon or Alaska? (these states require a permit to offload horses) _____

If yes, address of where you will be staying as well as approximate dates:

What you need to know for travelling to the USA with Horses

It takes 3-5 **business** days to get the results for a Coggins test from the lab.

The CFIA appointment for approval must be booked after the Coggins test comes back negative. We recommend allocating 7-8 **business** days before your departure date for this whole process to be completed.

If you are using a service to haul your horse, you will require a care release form for the hauler.

In order to legally transport your horse for **anything** (includes travelling in Alberta, out of province, and out of country) other than an **emergency**, you need to have a Livestock Permit (Annual or Lifetime), completed by a Brand Inspector. For more information: <https://www.lis-alberta.com>

Health Certificates are valid to cross the border within 30 days of the vet inspection date. Once in the States they are able to return to Canada within 30 days **after entry into the United States** on the same set of paperwork. (if temporary)

Horses cannot have vaccines within 14 days of entry into the United States

Permanent (>30 days) requires Vet check at Canadian border. Owner will get CEM papers stamped at the US border if the horse is coming back into Canada. **This requires an appointment. This can be done on a WEEKDAY!!** (if you would like a weekend appointment, be prepared to pay extra and be subject to availability)

Clients need to be aware of possible diseases that may limit importation back into Canada from USA such as Piroplasmosis or Vesicular Stomatitis.

- a. CFIA will post limitations and newsletters on their website for all animals travelling internationally.
- b. Check on Out EEDC Website for any equine disease outbreaks that may affect your routes due to quarantines. <http://www.equinediseasecc.org/alerts/outbreaks>

If you are travelling on a 'Temporary' health certificate (less than 30 days in the US) you must be back in Canada **within** 30 days of the **vet inspection date**.

If you are travelling on a 'Permanent' health certificate (longer than 30 days in the US) you have 60 days **from the vet inspection date** to come back to Canada on the same set of paperwork.

Horses travelling to the United States that are coming back after the "60" day window (especially these from Arizona or New Mexico), must have their original Coggins/EIA from Global Vet Link and you will have to get a **new International Health Certificate completed by a US veterinarian**. This will need a **USDA federal vet's approval** to grant new export certificates **prior** to Canadian horses travelling back to Canada. The concern is for altered paperwork. **This will require an appointment at the border as well. These appointments can be done on a WEEKDAY!** (if you would like a weekend appointment, be prepared to pay extra and be subject to availability)

