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WISCONSIN'S IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUINES ATTENDING SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS

As defined in ATCP 10.01(35), "Exhibition" means an organized fair, swap meet, rodeo, trail ride, show or other organized event at which animals owned by different persons are brought together from different premises and exhibited on the same premises.

Please note: The Midwest Horse Fair may have additional requirements for testing and paperwork. Please contact the event organizers for more information.

Equine animals originating from within Wisconsin:

All equine animals shall be accompanied by documentation of a negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test conducted during the 12 months prior to the date of entry into Wisconsin and which clearly identifies the equine animal by one of the following:

- registration number
- lip tattoo
- microchip number
- written description of the horse's color and markings

There is no exemption for official ID – all equines regardless of age must be officially identified on their paperwork.

The accepted forms for the EIA information are one of the following:

- original laboratory report – paper or electronic
- certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)

At a show or exhibition, the only equine animal exempt from the EIA testing requirement is a nursing foal accompanying its dam.

Equine animals originating from outside Wisconsin*:

All equine animals shall be accompanied by an original certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within thirty (30) days of import. The CVI must clearly identify the equine by one of the following:

- a registration number
- lip tattoo
- microchip number
- a written description of the horse's color and markings

There is no exemption for official ID – all equines regardless of age must be officially identified on their paperwork.

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All equines must have tested negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA) from the 12 months prior to the date of entry into Wisconsin, and the EIA test information must be included on the CVI. The only equine animal exempt from the EIA testing requirement is a nursing foal accompanying its dam.

* Equines originating from *Minnesota only* that attend horse shows or exhibitions do not need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Ownership does not change while the animal is in the state.
2. The animal remains in this state for not more than seven (7) days.
3. The animal is accompanied by a report of a negative equine infectious anemia test from the 12 months prior to the date of entry into Wisconsin.

In addition to the above requirements, an import permit is required for all equine animals that are rodeo stock or part of a circus or menagerie. Privately-owned equines that participate in rodeo events do not need a permit.

For more information about the permit process or any of Wisconsin's import regulations, please call the Wisconsin Division of Animal Health's import coordinator at (608) 224-4874.

Wisconsin's equine import requirements can also be found at
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx