

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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To import horses (*Equus caballus*) into Hawaii, the following requirements shall be met prior to entry. Horses **not meeting pre-entry requirements may be refused entry into the state and returned to their point of origin at the importer's expense.**

State regulations can be found on the internet at: <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/lhc/importing-livestock/>

Pre-shipment requirements for Horses Entering the State of Hawaii

1. The horse has had a negative Coggins Test or other USDA approved test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within ninety days of shipment.
2. The horse has been inoculated by an accredited veterinarian with one or more doses, as recommended by the manufacturer, with a USDA approved equine encephalomyelitis vaccine to provide protection against the type or types of equine encephalomyelitis experienced in the area of origin. The horse is not eligible for shipment until a minimum of fifteen days has elapsed upon completion of the vaccination(s).
3. Acquire a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from a licensed, accredited (category II) veterinarian
 - a) **Required items on the CVI**
 - i. The horse is inspected and the CVI is issued **7 days** or less before shipment.
 - ii. The negative test results for EIA, the test date, and the USDA authorized laboratory name.
 - iii. The date of vaccination(s) and product name(s) of the vaccination(s).
 - iv. The accredited category II veterinarian's name, address, phone number, and signature.
 - v. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of the shipper (consignor) and receiver (consignee).
 - vi. The complete animal identification including age, sex, color, and breed.
 - b) **The following statements are written on the CVI:**
 - i. Free from external parasites and symptoms of transmissible diseases and have not had recent exposure to these diseases.
 - ii. Originated in an area in which equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred in the six-month period immediately preceding the date of shipment.
 - iii. Have been dipped or completely sprayed by the veterinarian or under the supervision of the veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a **concentration to kill ticks** within 7 days of shipment.
4. The original health certificate must accompany the horse during shipment. Xerox copies and FAX copies are NOT accepted.
5. **The following statement is to appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all livestock entering Hawaii originating from states affected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) for the duration of the VS outbreaks:**

"I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or a VS suspected premises."

It is the responsibility of the owner or authorized agent of the owner to present a COMPLETE, LEGIBLE, ORIGINAL hardcopy of the CVI which meets the State of Hawaii's pre-shipment requirements at entry inspection. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Animal Industry:

- a) Phone: (808) 483-7100
- b) Fax: (808) 483-7110
- c) Email: HDOA.LDC@hawaii.gov
- d) Phone (Weekends and State Holidays): (808) 837-8092

Post-arrival requirements for Horses arriving in Hawaii

1. At home isolation from other equines is required until post-arrival testing is complete.
2. Newly imported horses must be **tested 45 – 60 days** post-arrival for Equine Infectious Anemia. An accredited, licensed veterinarian in Hawaii needs to collect the sample. The sample should be submitted to the Hawaii State Veterinary Laboratory.