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MEMORANDUM

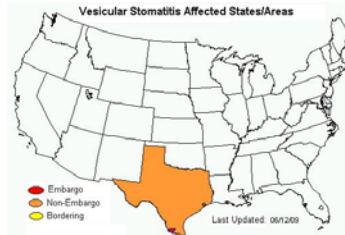
TO: Dr. Bob Hillman
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CC: State Veterinarians

DATE: June 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Vesicular Stomatitis Embargo
Starr County TX



With the notification received yesterday afternoon of a horse residing on a premise in Starr County, Texas having been diagnosed with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), Kentucky's Administrative Regulation 302 KAR 20:115 now prohibits the entry of all livestock, wild and exotic animals into Kentucky from the VS Embargoed portions of Texas identified as being Starr County. In addition to the embargoed county, Kentucky now restricts the entry of all livestock, wild and exotic animals from other portions of Texas to those that meet the additional entry requirements outlined below.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Embargoed Areas with VS Positive Premises

All Livestock (including equine), wild and exotic animals are currently prohibited entry into Kentucky from the designated areas defined to include the following counties:

TEXAS: Starr

Non-Embargoed Areas of VS Positive States Allowed Restricted Entry

In addition to the entry requirements found in 302KAR20:040 - Entry into Kentucky, all livestock (including horses), wild and exotic animals originating from the non-embargoed areas of a state having confirmed cases of VS are **required to meet** the following conditions prior to entering Kentucky.

1. **Be tested** and found negative to VS using a USDA approved test (Complement Fixation, Virus Neutralization and CELISA tests are accepted) with the sample collected during the 10 day period prior to the animal's arrival in Kentucky.
2. **Equine** from a non-embargoed area must be **tested using the C-Elisa Test with the sample collected during ten (10) day period prior to the animal's entry into Kentucky.**
3. Have an **entry permit** issued by this office recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Permits will be issued Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm EDT.
4. Be accompanied by a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection indicating that examination of the animals occurred during the five (5) day period prior to arrival in Kentucky** and containing the following statement: "Animals represented on this CVI have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine or on which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the past thirty (30) days or from an embargoed area restricted from entry into Kentucky."

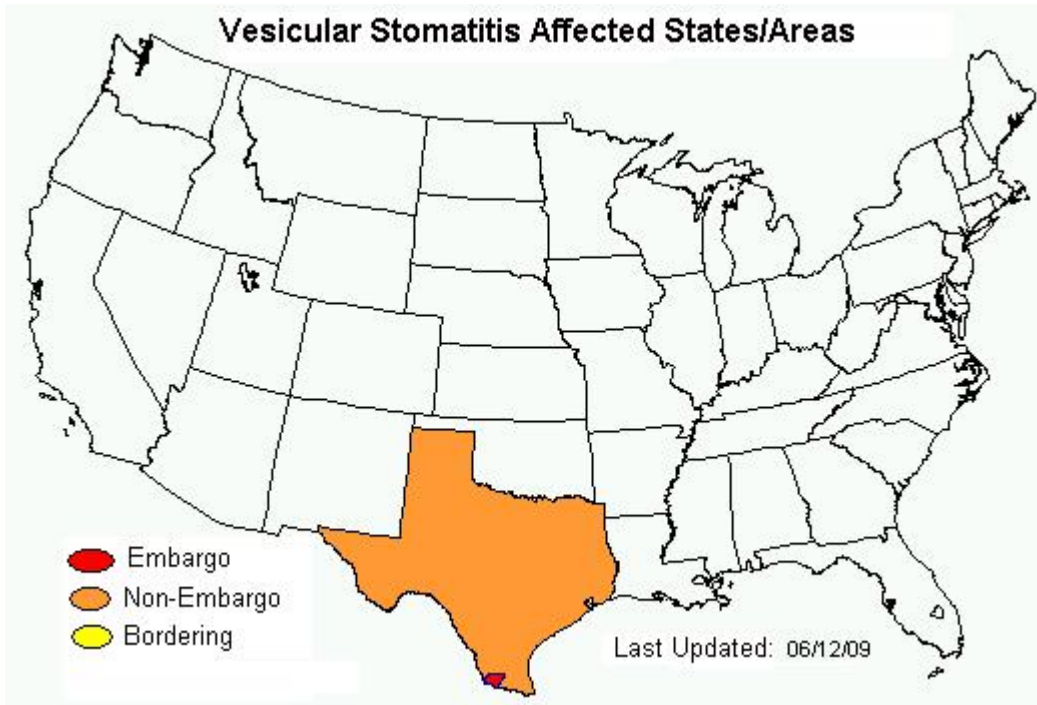
States Bordering Designated Embargoed Areas

There are currently no bordering states defined by the KY Dept of Agriculture

In addition to the entry requirements found in 302KAR20:040 - Entry into Kentucky, all livestock (including horses), wild and exotic animals originating from a state which has a common border with a VS Embargoed Area are required to meet the following conditions prior to entering Kentucky.

- 1. Have an Entry Permit** issued by this office recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Permits will be issued Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm EDT.
 - 2. Be examined during the five (5) day period** prior to the animal’s arrival in Kentucky with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection completed by the examining veterinarian. The certificate shall have the following statement included: "Animals represented on this CVI have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine or on which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the past thirty (30) days or from an embargoed area restricted from entry into Kentucky."
- Equine entering Kentucky** from a state which has a common border with a VS Embargoed Area shall be accompanied upon their entry into Kentucky with a **negative test for VSV** (the Complement Fixation, Virus Neutralization and CELISA tests are accepted). The sampling shall be conducted during the ten (10) day period prior to the animal's entry into Kentucky.

There are no States currently considered to be bordering a designated VS Affected Area:
 Information regarding Kentucky’s embargos can be found on the internet at www.kyagr.com



Designated Bordering Areas **Designated Embargoed Areas**
TEXAS Counties: STARR

Area Status	Species	CVI/Statements	Test Required	Entry Permit	KY Entry
VS Embargo	No livestock, wild or exotic animals permitted entry into Kentucky				
VS Non-Embargo	Equine	Yes – 5 Day	Yes – CELISA 10 Day	YES	YES
	Other	Yes – 5 Day	Yes – *Official Test 10 Day	YES	YES
VS Bordering	Equine	Yes – 5 Day	Yes – *Official Test 10 Day	YES	YES
	Other	Yes – 5 Day	No Testing Required	YES	YES

**Official Tests include: CELISA, Complement Fixation, Virus Neutralization assays*