

USDA Veterinary Services Guidance 13406

Approval of Facilities to Conduct CEM Importation Quarantines

Individual Animals are approved for importation and CEM Quarantine within Kentucky. Prior to each approval, facilities are inspected and agree to implement and abide by the following standards.

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- 1) A proposed quarantine facility must be inspected and approved by State or Federal personnel prior to horses being placed in CEM quarantine.
- 2) The facility must have an enclosed building of sound permanent construction, capable of being effectively cleaned and disinfected.
- 3) The quarantine area shall be clearly identified by posted signs.
- 4) The facility must be large enough to accommodate all animals involved in the quarantine.
- 5) The facility must contain stalls where individual horses can be kept separate from each other by an empty stall, an empty area where horses cannot touch each other, or by a solid wall that is at least 8 feet (2.4 m) high. The facility must provide isolation from other horses and common traffic. Nose-to-nose contact may not occur.
- 6) The facility must be secure so that horses may not escape or be removed from the facility without authorization and to prevent other animals or unauthorized personnel from entering.
- 7) Drainage from the facility shall not flow into areas where other horses are being maintained on the premises.
- 8) During the quarantine period, all equipment used for feeding, watering, grooming, and cleaning must remain in the quarantine area and be limited only to the animals in quarantine.
- 9) After each culture or treatment, all gloves, sleeves, speculums, and other disposable material will be placed in plastic garbage bags and disposed of as regulated garbage through incineration, burial, or composting. These materials may alternatively be stored until the quarantine is released (and providing that all culture results are negative), when they may be disposed of as nonregulated garbage.
- 10) The facility shall be available to accredited attending veterinarians and State or APHIS personnel at any time necessary to conduct required testing or quarantine observation procedures.
- 11) Visitors and pets will not be permitted into the quarantine area unless authorized by State or APHIS personnel.
- 12) All horses under CEM quarantine must remain in the facility until released by a State Animal Health Official.

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Biosecurity for Imported Horses

- 1) Horses must be separated at all times; see 8.5 for details. Horses may be ridden, exercised, or turned out during specified times of the quarantine provided horses undergoing CEM testing do not have physical contact with any other horses. Grooming and cleaning supplies and tack must not be shared.
- 2) Horses under quarantine must not be bred, collected, or subjected to genital examination or cleaning beyond what is required for CEM testing as detailed below.
- 3) *T. equigenitalis* may be transmitted by fomites, especially contaminated reproductive equipment and contaminated artificial insemination equipment. separate buckets, brushes, sponges, tack, etc., should be used for each horse under quarantine. All reusable equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between quarantines.
- 4) If an imported mare foals or aborts prior to completing CEM testing, placental tissue, fetal membranes and amniotic fluid should be considered a potential source of CEM transmission. These materials, along with soiled bedding and any other potentially contaminated materials from foaling, should be properly disposed of by burial, incineration, or composting to minimize any risk of *T. equigenitalis* transmission. Otherwise-soiled bedding and manure from the quarantine do not pose a risk for infection and can be disposed of normally.
- 5) Any horse found to be positive for *T. equigenitalis* on any of the testing performed (serology or culture) must remain in quarantine for additional treatment and testing until the horse is determined to not be infected with *T. equigenitalis*.

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