



**TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
 1-800-550-8242, Ext. 777 or 512-719-0777

## Summary of Texas Requirements

**For Intrastate, Interstate and International Livestock (Domestic and Exotic), Poultry and Ratites**

**Note:** The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

### Equine Requirements

8. Intrastate (Equine moved within the state of Texas)
  - A. Accepted Official Equine Infectious Anemia Tests (Coggins)
    1. Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test
    2. Competitive Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (CELISA) test
    3. Other USDA-licensed tests approved by the commission
  - B. Requirements for Change of Ownership within Texas
    1. A negative EIA test within the previous 12 months
      - required for all equine, except zebras.
      - Foals under 8 months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing.
  - C. Equine Assembly or Stabling Requirements:
    1. Equine are required to have a EIA test within the last 12 months when:
      - a. Equine participate in any assembly
        - Assemblies include, but are not limited to, parades, rodeos, roping events, and trail rides.
        - Sponsors/organizers of an assembly of equine are required to implement a procedure for review of records on each participating equine to confirm proof of a negative EIA test status prior to allowing entry of the equine into facilities or locations where the animals will be commingled.
      - b. Equine are housed in boarding stables, boarding pastures, breeding farms, and training stables.
      - c. Equine are stabled, boarded or pastured within 200 yards of equine belonging to another person.
      - d. Equine are utilized or used for riding on publicly accessible equestrian trails, and public lands open to equestrian riding, where a congregation of equine can occur.
      - e. Equine enter a pari-mutuel track.
  - D. Requirements for Equine Originating in Texas and participating in:
    1. Racetrack Facility
      - a. Definition of Racetrack Facility: a facility used to conduct organized horse racing.
      - b. Must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection and a negative EIA test conducted within 12 months. Foals under 8 months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing.
      - c. A negative Piroplasmiasis test (*Theileria equi*) is required within the previous 12 months prior to entering a racetrack facility.
    2. Show, fair, exhibition, and assembly
      - a. A negative EIA test is required within the previous 12 months prior to entering.
      - b. Foals under 8 months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing.

9. Interstate (Equine moved into the state from other states)

- A. Any livestock, poultry or ratites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
- B. Entry permits are required as noted in the following section and may be obtained by calling 512/719-0777 (24 hours) or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.
- C. Entry Requirements for Equine
  1. Certificate of veterinary inspection within 45 days prior to entry.
  2. Proof of a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months prior to entry.
 

Exceptions to these requirements:

    - a. Equine may enter Texas when consigned directly to a veterinary hospital or clinic for treatment or for usual veterinary procedures when accompanied by an entry permit number. Following



release by the veterinarian, equine must be returned immediately to the state of origin by the most direct route; *or*,

- b. Equine entering Texas for sale at a livestock market, may first be consigned directly to a veterinary hospital or clinic for issuance of the certificate of veterinary inspection and/or EIA testing, when accompanied by an entry permit; *or*,
  - c. Equine may enter Texas for shows, fairs, exhibitions or assembly purposes when accompanied by a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card or equine go pass and a completed VS Form 10-11 showing negative results to an official EIA test within the previous six (6) months; *or*,
  - d. Foals, under eight months of age, accompanying and nursing a dam with a negative test within the last twelve months.
3. A negative Piroplasmosis test (*Theileria equi*) is required within the previous 12 months prior to entering a racetrack facility.
  4. Owners, shippers or exporters of EVA carrier stallions which are to be imported into Texas, shall notify the buyer or receiver of the stallion, in writing, prior to shipment into the state, that the stallion is an EVA carrier stallion and be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

10. International (Equine moved into the state from foreign countries)

- Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for international animal requirements.