

The export of horses, swine and ruminants to Canada is suspended from Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Virus affected states, as indicated below (exceptions as noted):

- **Colorado:** Effective June 30, 2026. Any animals that have been in the state in the previous 21 days (June 9, 2026 – June 30, 2026) are also ineligible for movement to Canada.
- **New Mexico:** Effective May 22, 2026. Any animals that have been in the state in the previous 21 days (May 1, 2026 – May 22, 2026) are also ineligible for movement to Canada.
- Horses, swine and ruminants in infected VS states will have to be moved to a non-infected state, remain for at least 21 days and be certified by USDA as follows:  
*All states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days have been free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada.*

**The inspection by the USDA accredited veterinarian must occur after the animal(s) has/have moved to the non-VS affected state, but can occur before the 21 days have passed. However, the accredited veterinarian cannot issue the export health certificate until the 21 days have passed.**

Please note: Interstate animal health requirements may prohibit movement between states without permit/certification/testing/post-entry testing. Exporters should check individual state requirements prior to movement.

- **Transiting VS affected states**  
Whenever possible, U.S. origin and returning Canadian horses, swine and ruminants should avoid travelling through the infected states. If the only route available is through a VS affected state, when the owner/shipper arrives at the Canadian port of entry they must complete a **Supplementary Declaration which must be countersigned by the CFIA Veterinarian.**  
Please note: This is an additional requirement. Exporters should contact CFIA (information below) in advance of arrival, regarding the specific requirements for entry.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

- **CANADIAN HORSES, SWINE AND RUMINANTS RETURNING TO CANADA** will not be able to enter Canada after a stay in a VS infected state in the last 21 days. The exception to this rule is Canadian Animals returning on their Canadian health certificate can do so up to three (3) days\* after the state they are in has been declared affected by vesicular stomatitis by USDA and **must** be inspected by the CFIA POE vet. Otherwise, the Canadian health certificate is null and void.

\*Colorado – July 3, 2026

\*New Mexico – May 25, 2026

- **CFIA PRE-APPROVED EVENTS**

The CFIA and USDA have negotiated an option that allows U.S **horses and ruminants** originating from VS affected states and Canadian horses and ruminants to return from VS affected states to attend major competitions/exhibitions. This option is only available to horses and ruminants participating in the following competitions/exhibitions that have been pre-approved by the CFIA (IAB):

- Royal Winter Fair
- Agribition
- Calgary Stampede
- Thunderbirds
- Spruce Meadows
- Longines Global Tour
- Denver Stock Show
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- Desert International Horse Park Show Series

- US origin and returning Canadian horses and ruminants that qualify for this exception are required to:

**1) Obtain a CFIA import permit**

Please visit [My CFIA - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](http://my.cfia.ca) or contact the Permission's office (1-855-212-7695 or [permission@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:permission@inspection.gc.ca)) for information regarding permits.

**2) Obtain a USDA health certificate** with the USDA addendum for VS and must be certified by USDA as follows:

*The animal(s) for export to Canada must be certified for vesicular stomatitis (VS) as follows:*

*1) All premises on which the animal(s) has/have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days must have been free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of VS during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to movement of the animal(s) off the premises, and this disease has not occurred on any premises within a 25 mile (40 km) radius during the same period of time.*

*AND*

*2) The animal(s) must have tested negative for VS using a c-ELISA test within the seven (7) days immediately prior to export to Canada. Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_*

*AND*

*3) The animal(s) was/were inspected within the seven (7) days immediately prior to export to Canada and found to be free of clinical signs of VS.*

*AND*

*4) The animal(s) was/were protected from insect vectors during the seven (7) days immediately prior to export to Canada and during transport to Canada.*

*AND*

*5) The animal(s) is/are accompanied by a CFIA import permit and the import permit number is recorded on the addendum.*

**3) Be inspected by a CFIA veterinarian** at the Canadian port of entry and successfully complete a detailed inspection. An appointment for a veterinary inspection must be made

with the appropriate district office well in advance of animals' arrival at the port of entry. District office contact information is provided here: [Contact a Canadian Food Inspection Agency office by telephone - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](#)