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Vesicular Stomatitis Quarantines Released

VS-Specific Travel Requirement Remains in Effect

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The Colorado Department of Agriculture released the second of two quarantines that were issued to Colorado premises for horses that were affected with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS).

"We are pleased to have released these quarantines. We're fortunate in that we only had two confirmed cases this summer. The occurrence of VS was expected to have been more widespread, diseases that are primarily insect borne are difficult to predict" said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr.

It is still important to consult with the state animal health officials in the state of destination concerning import requirements or VS statements that may need to be included on Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture's State Veterinarian's Office continues its travel requirement for horses, mules, cattle, bison, sheep, goats, swine, and camelids entering the state from states with confirmed cases of VS. This requirement states that health certificates should include the following statement from the issuing veterinarian, "I have examined the animal(s) represented on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and have found no signs of vesicular stomatitis and they have not originated from a premises under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis."

VS is a Foreign Animal Disease that occurs sporadically in certain areas of the western United States. Prior to this year, the last confirmed case of VS in Colorado was diagnosed in 2006.

For additional information, contact the Colorado State Veterinarian's office at 303-239-4161 or visit <http://www.colorado.gov/ag/animals>.

To view the current location of cases in other states and important updates and information, visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/vsv/>.

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