

7876.0130 OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE EQUINE DISEASES.

Subpart 1. **Limited application.** This part applies only when the Racing Commission, its executive director, or its deputy director, in consultation with the commission veterinarian, has determined there have been cases in North America of an infectious or communicable equine disease that presents a serious and immediate threat to the health of horses at a licensed racetrack. When this part applies, it supersedes any conflicting provisions elsewhere in rule.

Subp. 2. **Notice.** When this part applies, the commission shall post a notice on its website and shall also make other reasonable efforts to notify all affected racetracks and horse persons in a timely manner, which shall include sending notice via mail or email when possible. The commission shall also promptly provide notice in the same manner as soon as the commission, its executive director, or its deputy director, in consultation with the commission veterinarian, has determined the threat has subsided and this part no longer applies.

Subp. 3. **Certificate of veterinary inspection.** A horse entering the enclosure of the licensed racetrack must be accompanied by an original certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the preceding 72 hours. No horse trailers, vans, or other equine transport vehicles will be allowed to enter the enclosure of a licensed racetrack if the driver does not present the required health certificate for each horse being transported. The certificate must contain the following:

A. documentation that an accredited veterinarian, as defined in part 1721.0010, subpart 2, physically examined the horse on the date the health certificate was issued;

B. a statement from the examining veterinarian that, at the time of examination, the horse did not exhibit any clinical signs of disease and the horse's temperature was normal;

C. a statement from the examining veterinarian that the examining veterinarian verified with the horse's owner or trainer that, to the best of the owner's or trainer's knowledge, the horse has not been exposed to any other horse with a contagious or infectious disease in the past 30 days or other time period recommended by the Board of Animal Health;

D. complete equine infectious anemia (EIA) test results, including the date, laboratory, and accession number of the most recent negative EIA test; and

E. if required by the commission veterinarian, documentation that the horse has been vaccinated by an accredited veterinarian with a Food and Drug Administration-approved modified live or killed vaccine specific for EHV-1 not less than 14 days and not more than 60 days prior to arrival at the licensed racetrack. The vaccination date, brand name, serial number, and expiration date of the vaccine must appear on the certificate.

Subp. 4. **Nonadmission of certain horses.** No horse may be admitted to the grounds of a licensed racetrack if it has, within the preceding 30 days, been in a county or province, or adjacent county or province, where any racetrack, training facility, or stable is under quarantine due to an infectious or communicable equine disease.

Subp. 5. **Isolation of certain horses.** If a horse arrives at a licensed racetrack within 30 days of the most recently initiated quarantine date applicable to that horse, or if a horse has tested positive

for any contagious or infectious disease within the preceding six months, the following requirements shall apply:

A. after arrival at the licensed racetrack, the horse's owner or trainer shall procure and pay for a blood test or nasal swab, or both, as required by the commission veterinarian; and

B. the horse shall be held in an isolation area or removed from the licensed racetrack until the horse's owner or trainer presents documentation indicating that the blood test or nasal swab, or both, as required by the commission veterinarian, shows no presence of infectious or communicable disease.

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