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Veterinary Services  
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Live Animal Imports

### **Notice Regarding Equine Imports – Quarantine Length and Fees**

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USDA would like to remind all equine importers of potential increased import quarantine length and additional costs for horse(s) that receive non-negative results or display clinical signs of a communicable disease while in quarantine.

Per [Veterinary Services Guidance 13407.1: Testing of Equidae during Import Quarantine](#), USDA requires each horse to test negative for Dourine, Glanders, Equine Piroplasmiasis, and EIA prior to release from import quarantine. Any horse(s) found to be positive for Dourine, Glanders, Equine Piroplasmiasis, or EIA in accordance with the testing protocols outlined in VSG 13407.1 are refused entry and must be immediately re-exported to the country of origin. In addition, contact horses as defined in the guidance document referenced above, are subject to additional testing, an additional 15 days extension of total time in quarantine, or refused entry in the case of EIA.

Quarantine release may also be delayed for any clinically ill horse with signs of communicable disease, or any horse(s) in contact with clinically ill horse(s) in quarantine, also known as contact horses. All fees for additional testing and the required extension of time in quarantine will be at the expense of the private equine import quarantine facility owner or importer of record.

Additional guidance is found on the following website: [USDA APHIS VS Equine Import and Export](#).

For questions or concerns, please contact the Acting National Live Animal Import and Export Director, Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez, at [Rachel.Cezar-Martinez@usda.gov](mailto:Rachel.Cezar-Martinez@usda.gov) or the National Port Services Director, Dr. Renee Oleck, at [Renee.S.Oleck@usda.gov](mailto:Renee.S.Oleck@usda.gov) or at the following phone number: (301) 851-3300.