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AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS STOP-OVER QUARANTINES

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Specific holdings will be utilized for Stop-over quarantine (STQ) during the high risk AHS season, which is usually from February to June every year. Annually a movement ban is instituted during this time for horses wanting to move from the AHS Infected zone (IFZ) into the AHS control area in the Western Cape.

In order to ensure that the risk of transmitting AHS via a potentially infected horse into the AHS Control area is minimized, we have drafted a Standard Operating Procedure to assist all holding managers to ensure that all the necessary precautions are meticulously implemented and so avoid jeopardizing the health of the local horses and our export status.

Once a general Movement ban is in place and horses are no longer allowed to move directly from the IFZ into the AHS Control area, following agreement by both the Private and State Veterinarians at the point of origin of the horse, that the risk is too high for the transmission of AHS, then the following procedures shall be applied:-

1. **Permission** must first be obtained from the Stop Over Quarantine holding manager that there is space for the horse to stand over.
2. The **State Vet** in whose area the STQ falls must be informed by either the SV, PV, owner or horse transporter, that horse/s are coming into his area from a high AHS risk area.
3. Once the horse/s arrive on the STQ the **local SV** must be contacted by the manager/owner to confirm the horses' presence there, and record **day 1** of residence.
4. The SV will then ensure that either himself or an AHT is sent out to **book the horse** onto the holding and complete the movement details in the horses passport.
5. A **Register** must be kept on the farm and by the SV of all horse/s undergoing STQs for traceability purposes.
6. The horse/s must remain at the STQ for approximately **2 - 3 weeks**. This period may vary according to the associated risk and/or the clinical condition, the blood result of the horse/s if it is tested after 10 days or whether the horse remains for 3 weeks without a blood test.
7. An "**all in all out**" system is preferable, but when it is not feasible it remains up to the discretion of the SV as to when and whether or not horse/s can be added or released.
8. On **day 10** a **blood sample** (purple tube) will be drawn by the AHT or SV and submitted to the Equine Research Centre at Onderstepoort for PCR testing for AHSV.
9. If the test is **negative** the horse/s may be released as soon as the results are made available **in writing** to the local SV.
10. Alternatively the horse may stay at the stop over holding for 3 weeks in which case a blood test is not required, but can be taken as an additional precaution.

11. The SV will then **sign the passport**, recording the result and also send a **Pre-notification** to SV Boland Office (021 808 5125).

Responsibilities of the STQ Manager/owner:

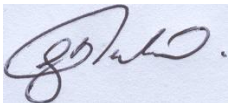
1. They must immediately inform the SV of the **arrival** of a new horse from the IFZ so that **day 1** of quarantine can be recorded.
2. Horse's details must be recorded in a **register** containing the horse's name, passport number, date of arrival, place of origin, testing date, result, Lab reference number, departure date and destination arrival.
3. The horses shall be stabled at night from at least **2 hours before sunset until at least 2 hours after sunrise**
4. Before exiting the stable in the morning and again on stabling at night **insect repellent** must be applied to the horses
5. Where possible vector protective **netting** should also be installed in stables
6. Horses shall have their **temperature** taken twice a day to monitor for any increase
7. Any rise in temperature or abnormal clinical symptoms must immediately be **reported** to the local SV
8. A prior appointment must be made with the SV to come and bleed the horse on **day 10** of the stopover or to inform him that the horse will be standing over for the 3 week period
9. The horse may not be released until a **negative result** is obtained by the SV in writing/fax from the ERC and this is relayed personally to the STQ manager.
10. However, it remains the prerogative of the **certifying SV** when and whether or not to release the horse
11. **No local horses** should be stabled in the vicinity of the quarantined horses

Your assistance in providing such STQs for horses at risk is greatly appreciated by the Department of Agriculture and the entire Equine Industry.

Your co-operation in complying with these SOP requirements is of prime importance and any assistance we can give will be gladly offered. Please contact your local SV or **SV Boland (021 808 5253)** should you have any queries whatsoever.

Once again thank you for your willingness to be part of keeping AHS out of our control area and so assisting in the international export of horses.

Yours sincerely,



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DATA RECORDING FOR HORSES AT STOP-OVER QUARANTINE EN ROUTE TO THE WESTERN CAPE

Name of Horse	Passport Number	Origin	Date of Arrival	Testing Date	Result	Lab Reference No	Date of Departure	Destination	Comments
27/03/2013 AM PM	28/03/2013 AM PM	29/03/2013 AM PM	30/03/2013 AM PM	31/03/2013 AM: PM:	01/04/2013 AM: PM:	02/04/2013 AM: PM:	03/04/2013 AM: PM:	04/04/2013 AM: PM:	05/04/2013 AM: PM:
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