



AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS TRUST

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AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS MOVEMENT OF HORSES

YELLOW ZONE TO ALL ZONES IN AHS CONTROLLED AREA*

1. Horse must have been vaccinated against African Horse Sickness no longer than 24 months ago and no less than 60 days ago.
2. A **Veterinary Health Certificate** must be obtained from a private vet, no longer than 48 hours before travelling.
3. A **Movement Permit** must be obtained from the state vet, which certifies the area free of African Horse Sickness.
4. If the horse is coming from a high risk area, a three week stopover in Beaufort West may be imposed from 1 January to 30 June.

MOVEMENTS ACROSS AHS CONTROLLED AREA BORDERS

1. Movement within a zone does not require a **Movement Permit** or a **Veterinary Health Certificate**.
2. Movement from the white zone to the blue, green or yellow zone (i.e. any outward movement away from the free zone) does not require a **Movement Permit** or a **Veterinary Health Certificate**.
3. Movement from the green zone to the blue or white zones or from the blue zone to the white zone, the following is required:
 - a) Horse must have been vaccinated against African Horse Sickness no longer than 24 months ago and no less than 60 days ago.
 - b) A **Veterinary Health Certificate** must be obtained from a private vet, no longer than 48 hours before travelling.

* AHS controlled area = Green, Blue and white zones

REPORTING

The Department of Agriculture has revised the official outbreak notification form which is available from State Vet offices or via the AHS Trust's website: www.africanhorsesickness.co.za. Alternatively, copies will be faxed to whoever reports suspected cases on request.

As a reminder, because AHS is a controlled disease all suspected cases must to be reported to your local State Vet office. However, for cases that are reported directly to the Trust or via the Trust's website, the AHS Trust has undertaken to assist the process by following up with the relevant State Vet offices. This will assist in the State's and Trust's objective of improving the accuracy of reporting.

It should be noted that suspected cases reported to the AHS Trust are "unofficial". Once the Department of Agriculture has received results from the State's laboratory, Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, the official outbreak status will be confirmed and posted on the Department's website: www.nda.agric.za

OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION

One or more suspected cases from a property is considered to be a single outbreak. Suspected cases from other properties in the same area would be recorded as a separate outbreak.

One of the objectives of the AHS Trust is to provide an early warning system for suspected outbreaks of AHS. This obviously provides an opportunity for horse owners and other decision makers to protect their horses and implement appropriate control measures to contain the spread of the disease.

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