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CHAPTER 80-3-4  
PREVENTING SPREAD OF SWAMP FEVER IN EQUINE

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80-3-4-.01      Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is the establishment of rules to be used to prevent the spread of Equine Infectious Anemia (Swamp Fever) of equine animals.

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80-3-4-.02      Previous Regulations Repealed And Withdrawn.

Those regulations entitled **Livestock Sanitary Division, Equine Disease Regulation**, dated March 11, 1975, and **Animal Industry Division, Equine Disease Regulation**, dated June 30, 1977, and all other regulations, or parts of regulations in conflict with this regulation, are repealed and withdrawn.

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80-3-4-.03      Requirements For Equidae Entering Alabama.

(1) All equidae more than six months of age that enter Alabama, except for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by evidence of a negative test approved by the State Veterinarian for the

detection of Equine Infectious Anemia performed not more than 12 months prior to entry. This information must be recorded on the official certificate of veterinary inspection.

(2) No equidae that react positive to a test for Equine Infectious Anemia shall be imported into the State of Alabama for any purpose except upon written permission of the State Veterinarian of Alabama and only then if the animals are branded and moved in accordance with Title 9, Part 75.4(c)(3) of the Code of Federal Regulations, and if the animals are maintained in quarantine as set out in this Chapter.

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#### **80-3-4-.04      Testing Requirements For Equine.**

(1) All equine to be sold at regular scheduled sales, authorized by the Department of Agriculture and Industries, must be tested for Equine Infectious Anemia prior to said sale, with the exception of animals having an official health certificate as required by Rule 80-3-4-.03. This testing must be done by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the seller. This testing will be completed at a laboratory approved by the State Department of Agriculture and Industries.

(2) All animals tested shall be properly identified by a mane or tail tag or other type identification authorized by the State Veterinarian. These identification markings shall not be removed by anyone unless authorized by the State Veterinarian.

(3) Complete records of each sale that are sufficient to properly trace any animal reacting positively to the above test must be maintained by the market.

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#### **80-3-4-.05      Requirements For Equine Animals That Are Exposed Or React Positively To Testing.**

(1) Horses or other equines found positive to official test approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and State Department of Agriculture and Industries for equine infectious

anemia (EIA) shall be subjected to a confirmatory retest by a regulatory veterinarian.

(2) Animals that are positive on confirmatory tests may be:

(a) Euthanized by the owner or his private veterinarian within 60 days with certification of euthanasia by an accredited veterinarian, state or federal animal health official or inspector, or

(b) Freeze-branded on the left side of the neck with the character 64A and the official number of the animal. This branding shall be carried out by a state or federal animal health official.

(3) When a previously positive animal is found negative on official confirmatory test, all equines associated with the animal on the premises (farm, pasture, or stable) shall be officially tested by a state or federal animal health official.

(4) Officially branded reactor equidae shall be put under written quarantine until destroyed or dead of natural causes. If no other horses are located within 500 yards without common shade, pasture quarantine will suffice. If there are other horses sharing a stable or farm, the positive horse shall be kept in a vector proof stall.

(5) Foals nursing reactor mares shall be considered quarantined with their dams. Weaned foals may be released if negative to EIA test approved by the State Department of Agriculture and Industries after a 90-day period of isolation from their dam and other equines.

(6) Movement of quarantined animals shall be made only on written permit by the Alabama State Veterinarian or his representative.

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#### **80-3-4-.06      Testing Requirements For Equine Exposition.**

All equidae six months of age or older entered in exhibitions or competitive events must have been tested for EIA with a negative result not more than 12 months prior to entry. The negative test must be from a laboratory approved by the State Department of Agriculture and Industries and recorded on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or an official Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Text form (VS Form 10-11). Records of negative test shall remain with the animal for verification purposes in

accordance with this Chapter. Event officials must review official test papers of all equines entered into an event to ensure that all participating equines test negative for EIA.

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