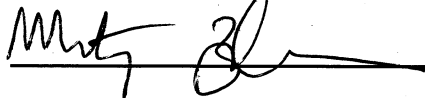


**DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION
OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 09-01-I**

DATE: May 13, 2009
DATE EFFECTIVE: May 18, 2009
DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: May 13, 2009
SUBJECT: Importation of Equine Viral Arteritis Test Positive Stallions and Rescinding Official order No. 07-01-I

STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION: 81-2-102(1)(d), Montana Code Annotated

ORDERED BY: Martin A. Zaluski, State Veterinarian



REVIEWED BY: Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock



BACKGROUND

Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) is a transmissible disease of equids (horses, donkeys, mules) that can result in development of a carrier state in sexually mature intact males and persistent shedding of equine arteritis in semen. Stallions that shed this virus can transmit the infection to naïve mares through artificial insemination, or natural cover.

ORDER

For stallions imported into the state of Montana, the following conditions must be met prior to issuance of an import permit.

- 1. The State Veterinarian must be officially notified prior to importation if a stallion is known to be a carrier and semen shedder of equine arteritis virus.**
- 2. A stallion testing positive on a serum diagnostic test for EVA with no certified proof of prior vaccination against the disease must submit a copy of a laboratory report confirming absence of equine arteritis virus in its semen.**

Official Order 07-01-I requiring all imported stallions be tested for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) is hereby rescinded.