

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

Memorandum

Date : May 6, 2015

To : All CHRHB Horsemen and Interested Parties

From : Rick Arthur, DVM
CHRHB Equine Medical Director

Subject : Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona.

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) has now been identified in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. The California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) requires this statement on all health certificates from Utah, New Mexico and Arizona:

“I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or a VS suspected premises.”

Vesicular Stomatitis has been identified in Maricopa County where Turf Paradise is located. Horses from Turf Paradise, even horses going over to race and immediately returning must include the VS statement written by an Accredited Veterinarian in the VS Affected State. Without this CDFA required statement horses from Utah, New Mexico and Arizona should not be allowed onto CHRHB inclosures.

Contact Dr. Katie Flynn for CDFA questions: Katie Flynn, BVMS, MRCVS, Equine Staff Veterinarian (916-900-5039; 916-900-5333 (fax)).

Contact your official veterinarian or equine medical director Dr. Rick Arthur (626-574-6351) for CHRHB questions.

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