

RULE TEXT FOR 5CER09-1

5CER09-1 Temporary Restrictions on Importation of Horses from Texas.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). Notwithstanding 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C., the inspection date of the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) that must accompany horse(s) imported into or through the State of Florida must be within 14 days prior to entry into the state and must include the following statement: “All animals identified on this certificate have not been on a premises found positive for *T. equi* or under quarantine within the past 30 days, have been inspected and found free of ticks, and have been thoroughly treated with an approved acaricide labeled for use in horses within 14 days of entry.”

(2) Testing. All horses identified on the OCVI must be tested negative for *T. equi* via the CELISA test, performed at the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, National Veterinary Services Laboratories (USDA-APHIS-NVSL) or other laboratory authorized by the USDA-APHIS-NVSL. The blood sample for the test must be taken within 30 days prior to entry into Florida. The result and accession number must be listed on the OCVI.

(3) Tick Vectors. All horses identified on the OCVI must be examined for, and found free of, ticks and must be thoroughly treated for ticks with an United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered acaricide labeled for use in horses.

(4) Exemption. Horses from Florida consigned to Texas that are returned to Florida within 30 days of the issuance of the Florida OCVI are exempt from the requirements of this rule.

Rulemaking Authority: 570.07(21) and (23), 585.08(2)(a), F.S. Law Implemented: 585.08(1), 585.145, F.S. History: New.