



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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COMMISSIONER**

**REGULATORY SERVICES
ANIMAL HEALTH**

BY ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN

Equine Infectious Anemia – Requirements for Change of Ownership

Equine Infectious Anemia, also known as “Swamp Fever,” is a serious disease that threatens Tennessee’s equine population. Despite testing and measures to eradicate the disease, approximately 500 new cases are reported each year in the United States. There is no cure for EIA. Although most infected horses show no symptoms, they remain infectious for life, endangering the health of other horses.

Having recognized the threat posed by this disease to the health of the state’s equine population and the inadequacy of the protections afforded by current Rule 0080-02-10-.01, the state veterinarian, pursuant to the authority vested in him under Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-2-102, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- (1) That persons assembling for sale, offering for sale, or selling horses or other Equidae at sales other than livestock markets, whether for one’s own account or for the account of another person, shall have proof that each individual animal tested negative on an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia conducted within twelve (12) months prior to sale.
- (2) That persons assembling for sale, offering for sale, or selling horses or other Equidae at livestock markets, whether for one’s own account or for the account of another person, shall:
 - (a) Have proof that each individual animal tested negative on an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia conducted within twelve (12) months prior to sale. Such horses or other Equidae shall be identified by a legible, unique tattoo or brand; a microchip; a valid equine passport; or an EIA paper with digital photos of the animal (including the animal’s entire left and right sides and front view) as part of the document. Tennessee licensed livestock markets hosting all-registered Equine sales may use breed registry papers as long as the breed registry papers match the official EIA negative test chart; or
 - (b) Have blood collected on-site for EIA testing by a Tennessee-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarian prior to the sale.
- (3) That foals less than six (6) months of age in the company of their EIA-negative dams are not subject to the rules above.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Hatcher', written in a cursive style with several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles W. Hatcher, DVM
State Veterinarian