

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RELATED TO EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture ("ISDA"), 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise, Idaho 83712, the Oregon Department of Agriculture ("ODA"), 635 Capital St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301-2532, and the Washington State Department of Agriculture ("WSDA"), 1111 Washington St. SE, Natural Resources Building, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, Washington 98504-2560, (collectively "Parties").

I. Purpose

Equine Infectious Anemia ("EIA") is an infectious and potentially fatal viral disease of the horse family (equidae). The Parties have the authority and duty to prevent EIA infected equidae from entering their respective states.

Extensive EIA testing has been undertaken in the three states for decades. No positive cases of EIA have been identified in the three states within the preceding ten (10) years. The risk of movement of an EIA infected equidae between the three states is exceedingly low.

Therefore, the Parties desire to cooperate by formally agreeing to recognize the sufficiency and legitimacy of the EIA testing regulatory regimes in each of the three states by exempting equidae moving between the three states from certain EIA testing requirements.

II. Authority

Idaho. Unless exempt, all equidae imported into Idaho must have completed all EIA test requirements, meaning an official EIA blood test conducted by a USDA approved laboratory, within twelve (12) months prior to entry into Idaho. See IDAPA 02.04.21.300.01. ISDA has authority under the Rules Governing the Importation of Animals (IDAPA 02.04.21), pursuant to the Inspection and Suppression of Diseases Among Livestock Law (I.C. § 25-201 *et. seq.*), to exempt EIA testing on equine importation from cooperating states. See IDAPA 02.04.21.300.05.

Oregon. All equidae to be imported into Oregon shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) attesting to a negative official test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) within the prior six months, except as exempted by written agreement with state veterinarians in other states (OAR 603-011-0305).

Washington. All domestic equine, except foals under six months of age accompanying their negative tested dams, must have a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) within twelve months before entering Washington state. Domestic equine moving to Washington from Idaho or Oregon are excluded from EIA test requirements. (WAC 16-54-071)

III. Agreement

The Parties recognize each other as cooperating states for purposes of the requirements of EIA testing under their respective authorities, as provided for in Section II. above.

The Parties will allow officially EIA tested equidae, once imported into their respective states, to move freely within the three state area without additional EIA testing requirements.

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V. Effective Date, Duration, Termination

This MOU is effective on the date last signed and continues until amended or terminated by any party. This MOU may be terminated or amended by any party upon ten (10) days written notice.

VI. Amendments

No amendment, change, or modification of any term of this MOU shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by all parties.

VII. Fiscal Necessity and Non-Appropriation

It is understood and agreed that the parties are governmental agencies and this Agreement shall in no way be construed so as to bind or obligate the States of Idaho, Oregon or Washington (the "States") beyond the term of any particular appropriation of funds by their respective State Legislatures. The Parties reserve the right to terminate this Agreement if, in their sole judgment, the State legislatures do not appropriate or approve sufficient funds as may be required for the Parties to continue payments or requires any return or "give back" of funds required for the Parties to continue payments, or if the executive branch of the States mandates any cuts or holdbacks in the Parties' spending. Any such termination shall take effect on ninety (90) days' prior notice and be otherwise effective as provided in this Agreement.

VII. Signatures

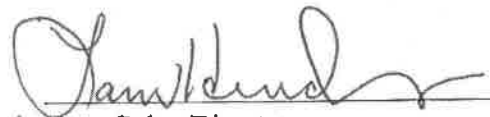
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