



RULE-MAKING ORDER

(RCW 34.05.360)

CR-103 (10/1/89)

Agency: Department of Agriculture

- Permanent Rule
- Emergency Rule

(1) Date of adoption: 11-22-94 ¹¹ *Kap*

(2) Purpose: 1. To institute an alternative health certification for equine to give relief from the 30 day health certificate requirement.
2. To institute USDA required rules to allow WSU School of Vet Med to establish an equine quarantine station. 3. Provide specific health requirements for ratites imported into the state.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order: _____ into the state.

- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 16-54-071 & 145
- Suspended:

(4) Authority for adoption:
Statute: Chapter 16.36 RCW
Other Authority:

(5.1) PERMANENT RULE ONLY

Pursuant to notice filed as WSR 94-20-107 on 10-5-94 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:
In proposed 16-54-145 WAC inserted the words "or parent stock" after the word "eggs" in line seven.
Added final sentence to cross reference with WAC 16-59.

(5.2) EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- (a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- (b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
 Yes No If yes, explain:

(6) Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules	Emergency Rules
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 31 days after filing	<input type="checkbox"/> Immediately
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ *	<input type="checkbox"/> Later (specify) _____

* (If less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 92-21-039, filed 10/15/92, effective 11/15/92)

WAC 16-54-071 Domestic equine. (1) Domestic equine animals shall be accompanied by an official health certificate stating that they are free from clinical symptoms of infectious and communicable disease. All equine over six months of age must have a record of a negative test for the diagnosis of equine infectious anemia made within six months prior to entry. Horses moving to Washington from Oregon are excluded from test requirements.

(2) Breeding stallions or their semen shall be tested negative for equine viral arteritis (EVA) within ninety days of import. Positive stallions or semen may be imported with a certifying statement on the health certificate that the consignee has been advised and consents to the shipment. All positive stallions or semen entering Washington shall be moved on a permit issued by the office of the state veterinarian and may be subject to quarantine.

(3) Washington horses may reenter Washington when returning from shows, rides or other events from states that will accept travel to that state with a current "equine certificate of veterinary inspection and interstate movement permit" without additional animal health certifications. Within fourteen days of the return to Washington an "itinerary of interstate travel" must be filed with the state veterinarian's office. Likewise horses from the western state of Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, or New Mexico may enter the state of Washington for shows, rides or other events and return with documents similar to the above named documents under a state system of equine health certification acceptable to the Washington state veterinarian and the state origin by written agreement. In any case, travel under this alternative to normal thirty-day health certification will be limited to not more than ninety days duration for any one excursion and the movement permit shall expire in six months from the date of the certificate.

(4) Equine quarantine stations. Stallions or mares imported from foreign countries listed in 92.301(c)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) may only be received at an approved equine quarantine station. No person may receive in this state any stallion or mare which is imported from a foreign country in which contagious equine metritis has been reported unless the stallion or mare is imported directly to an approved equine quarantine station in a sealed vehicle. The sealed vehicle shall have been sealed at a federal or federally approved quarantine station or port of entry by a federal or federally approved agent. The imported stallion or mare shall be accompanied by an import permit issued by the state veterinarian's office prior to the date on which the stallion or mare is brought into the state. The vehicle seal may not be removed except by an authorized employee or agent of the department of agriculture at an approved equine quarantine station. All equine animals, including test mares, which are received at an approved equine quarantine station shall be identified with an

individual identification of a type approved by the state veterinarian.

(a) Quarantine release. An imported stallion or mare received at an approved equine quarantine station under subsection (4) of this section is quarantined until the quarantine is released by the director of agriculture in writing. A quarantined equine animal may not be removed from the quarantine premises or be allowed in contact with other equine animals on adjacent premises. Contact between a quarantined equine animal and a test mare is permitted, but only pursuant to a written agreement with the department under (d) of this subsection. A test mare which has been in contact with an imported stallion is quarantined until the quarantine is released by the department in writing.

(b) Approved equine quarantine station permit. No person may operate an approved equine quarantine station in Washington state without written permission from the director, Washington department of agriculture. Permits shall expire December 31 of each year. Applications for a permit shall be made in writing as required by the director. The director shall grant or deny a permit application within ninety days after the application is received provided that the application is accompanied by all requisite information and documentation. Every application shall include:

(i) The name and mailing address of the applicant and any trade name or business name to be used by the applicant;

(ii) A statement indicating whether the applicant is an individual, partnership, corporation, cooperative corporation, or other business association or entity;

(iii) The location of the equine quarantine station specified by county, town or city, road or street, and number;

(iv) The name and address of the accredited veterinarian who will perform all identification, handling, testing, and treatment of equine animals at the approved equine quarantine station under procedures or protocols established by the department; and

(v) Other information which the department may require if the information is reasonably relevant to the department's action on the permit request.

(c) Construction requirements. Approved equine quarantine stations shall be constructed and maintained to prevent contact between quarantined equine animals and any other equine animals on the premises, including test mares. An approved equine quarantine station shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.

(d) Testing and treatment procedures. Before permission is granted for the operation of an approved equine quarantine station, the station operator and the accredited veterinarian designated under (b)(iv) of this subsection shall enter into a written agreement with the department establishing procedures and protocols to be followed in the identification, handling, testing, and treatment of equine animals quarantined in the station. The approved equine quarantine station shall be operated in compliance with the agreed procedures and protocols. Procedures and protocols shall be performed by the designated veterinarian except as otherwise authorized by the director.

(e) Recordkeeping. The operator of an approved equine quarantine station shall keep complete and accurate records which shall be made available for inspection and copies of which shall be supplied to the department upon request. Records shall be kept for at least two years after they are made and shall include:

- (i) The identification, date of arrival, and date of removal of each imported equine animal received at the quarantine station;
- (ii) The name and address of the owner of each equine animal received at the quarantine station correlated with a specific identification of the equine animal; and
- (iii) A complete record of the procedures and protocols followed in conjunction with the identification, handling, testing and treatment of each imported animal.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-54-145 Ratites. All ratites imported into Washington shall be accompanied by a permit number and a health certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection unless otherwise exempted, stating that the birds are free from signs or exposure to infectious disease. Ratites as defined in chapter 16.57 RCW and/or their eggs or parent flock must be tested negative for the following diseases: Salmonella pullorum-typhoid-enteritidis. Health requirements for ratites also appears in chapter 16-59 WAC.