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Dear Accredited Veterinarian,

As of July 22, 2015, Vesicular Stomatitis Virus has impacted yet another state. Confirmation of a positive horse (New Jersey serotype) in **Wyoming** has been received by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory.

Please be reminded this can impact both interstate and international travel for all susceptible species. The State Animal Health Official in the state of destination should be contacted for any changes regarding interstate movement requirements. Accredited veterinarians should contact their National Import Export Services (NIES) representatives within USDA to determine changes to international movement requirements. In particular, practitioners facilitating the movement of susceptible species to Canada should be informed of the following:

Canada will currently not accept any ruminants, camelids, horses, or swine originating from the States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming. For all ruminants, camelids, horses, and swine from states other than Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming the following supplementary certification is needed:

"All states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days were free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada".

Vesicular stomatitis is a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle and occasionally swine, sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas. Humans can also become infected with the disease when handling affected animals, but this is a rare event. Veterinarians and owners should report any suspicious lesions to State/Federal officials, either through your state veterinarian or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593. Additional information on VSV can be found at aphis.usda.gov.

We want to thank you for your continued cooperation and diligence in maintaining the health and safety of our agricultural industry, as well as protecting our international trade markets.

Sincerely,

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