

To whom it may concern:

Movement of horses into the AHS Controlled Area during the AHS season:

- Direct movements of horses from high risk provinces in the AHS Infected Area into the AHS Controlled Area are suspended from 01 February until 30 June of each year.
- During this period **ALL MOVEMENTS** into the AHS Controlled Area can only be done **by means of an APPLICATION FOR MOVEMENT A MINIMUM OF 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED MOVEMENT DATE**. Movement from high risk areas, areas with poor reporting and where suspect or confirmed AHS cases have been reported, will be subject to a Stop Over Quarantine Protocol. The Stop Over Quarantine will include a **mandatory** PCR test, on **day 14** of quarantine. All movement applications **MUST** be done through Ms Danielle Pienaar on email move@myhorse.org.za, and each application will be reviewed by the **MOVEMENT COMMITTEE** before being approved or denied.
- Exemption from the Stop Over Quarantine may be applied for during the movement application process. A risk analysis will be done by the **MOVEMENT COMMITTEE** and conditions for movement will be given, which may or may not include a SOQ. In cases where direct movement will be allowed a RT-PCR will be required before the horse moves, and arrangements with the local state veterinarian of origin will be made through the committee in order to obtain a permit. **Exemptions will ONLY be considered if applied for timeously.**
- Included in the application for exemption must be a mandatory affidavit by the owner / manager that the horse intended for movement has been on the holding of origin a minimum of 2 weeks prior to movement.
- In rare cases the movement of horses from an AHS restricted area i.e. where there has been a confirmed AHS outbreak within 30 km within the last 40 days, or the area is regarded as high risk, may be considered under specific protocol conditions if prior arrangements have been made with SV Boland. This protocol will include a minimum of a **14 DAY QUARANTINE in an approved VECTOR-PROTECTED facility prior to the movement to the AHS controlled area as well as PCR testing prior to movement**. The Facility must be approved by the SV at origin and SV Boland. For further information about this protocol please contact Dr Camilla Weyer.

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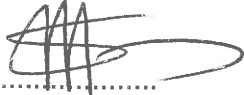
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Your participation in, compliance with and assistance with the implementation of this direct horse movement ban and protocol is greatly appreciated, as it is to the benefit of the entire Equine Industry.

Yours sincerely,



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