

Title 2. Agriculture

Chapter III. Arkansas Board of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture

Subchapter B. Disease Control

Part 150. EIA Rules Regarding Acts 1997, No. 1306

Codification Notes. This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows:

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Act 1306 of 1997 (Ark. Code 2-40-801)"

Subpart 1. Generally

2 CAR § 150-101. Equine infectious anemia rules.

(a)(1) Testing of equidae done at approved markets may be done by licensed, accredited, practicing veterinarians or by Arkansas Board of Animal Health-authorized personnel.

(2) If blood is collected by board personnel, the cost will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per animal, payable to the market by the owner.

(3) The market shall pay the board twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per animal tested by the board personnel by the tenth of the next month following the sale.

(4) If blood is collected by a practicing veterinarian, fees will be by private treaty.

(b)(1)(A) There will be a three-dollar fee assessed to Arkansas licensed, practicing veterinarians for each Arkansas-domiciled equidae tested for EIA.

(B) An equine is considered domiciled within the state when it has been pastured, stabled, housed, or kept in any fashion in the state more than thirty (30) consecutive or inconsecutive days.

(C) The three-dollar fee will also be assessed on any out-of-state equidae that is being tested at a market to be sold in Arkansas.

(D) This fee is in addition to laboratory fees for running the test.

(2) Failure to submit fees according to provisions of this part will cause test papers to be rendered invalid and, in case of reactor or adjacent herd testing, the continuance of quarantine until fees are received by the board.

(3)(A) Arkansas licensed, practicing veterinarians who wish to use the board's EIA ID test card for equidae owners that contains all pertinent and necessary information may access and submit digital photographs of a horse or horses to the board's website.

(B) A five-dollar fee will be assessed for each EIA test card issued.

(C) This is in addition to the laboratory testing fees and the EIA regulatory fee.

(c)(1) Accredited laboratories conducting tests on samples from Arkansas equidae or samples from sales in Arkansas shall send Part 4 of the VS Form 10-11 (or other form approved by the board), or a legible copy of this form to the Arkansas Board of Animal Health, P. O. Box 8505, Little Rock, AR 72215 by the tenth of the month following the month the test was run.

(2) Positive samples must still be reported within twenty-four (24) hours of classification.

(d)(1) Livestock markets must be approved by the board for selling equidae.

(2)(A) Markets that accept reactor or exposed animals for sale, and markets that allow horses to be tested on site, must have a quarantine pen that is clearly marked with a sign or paint to keep reactors and exposed horses in, as well as any equidae that test positive at the market.

(B) They also must have a fly control program as described in the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 75: "The stockyard shall have in effect a fly control program

utilizing at least one of the following; baits, fly strips, electric bug killers ("Fly Zappers," "Fly Snappers," or similar equipment), application of a pesticide effective against flies, applied according to the schedule and dosage recommended by the manufacturer for fly control.")

(C) The quarantine pen must be far enough from the area where negative tested animals are kept that, in the opinion of the inspector, the negative tested equidae will not be exposed.

(3) Markets that handle only equidae with current tests (conducted within the last six (6) months) are not required to have a quarantine pen or fly control program.

(e)(1) Owners of horses (all equidae) domiciled within the State of Arkansas shall be responsible for maintaining a negative current official EIA (equine infectious anemia) test on all horses (equidae) that they own.

(2) When an owner/agent of any equine in the State of Arkansas has been found to be in violation of this requirement, the owner will have no more than fourteen (14) days from receiving a quarantine notice and warning letter to have all of his or her equine tested for EIA.

(3) At the discretion of board officials, the fourteen-day period could be extended.

(4) The penalty for violation of this rule is a Class A misdemeanor under state law.

(f)(1)(A) When a private laboratory obtains a positive ELISA test for EIA, the horse will be quarantined and permitted back to the farm of origin, and all horses on that premises will be quarantined while waiting on a final confirmation test (AGID).

(B) Also, exposed or adjacent equine shall be quarantined if necessary.

(2) It will be the responsibility of the testing veterinarian to notify board officials of a positive ELISA test.

(3)(A) If the final AGID test is negative, then the quarantine will be released.

(B) If the final AGID test is positive, then subsection (g) of this section will go into effect.

(g)(1) When a reactor equidae is detected, all equidae within the affected and adjacent herds will be quarantined by an authorized agent of the board.

(2) All equidae in affected and adjacent herds will remain quarantined until all are tested negative at least sixty (60) days and no more than eighty (80) days after the removal of the reactor.

(h) Deviations in testing and quarantines are acceptable when they are made by the designated epidemiologist.

Authority. Arkansas Code §§ 2-33-107, 2-33-111, 2-40-802.

Codification Notes. "AGID" means a type of serologic test known as the agar gel immunodiffusion test.

"EIA" means equine infectious anemia.

"ELISA" means to a type of serologic test known as the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.