



## **Information for Owners of Show Horses Exhibiting in the United States**

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An additional declaration form is now required for Canadian horses being taken into the United States for exhibition or pleasure purposes and then subsequently returning to Canada.

### **• Where do I get the Declaration?**

*Your veterinarian will provide you with the Declaration Form when the Health Certificate and Coggins are issued for travel to the US.*

### **• How much does it cost?**

*There is NO ADDITIONAL COST to the horse owner for this document.*

### **• What do I do with the Declaration Form?**

*Entering the US - Take it along with you to the border crossing with your other documentation. Have a US Customs Agent stamp the Date of Entry on the Form.*

*Returning from the US – Have the Canadian Border Services stamp the Date and Officer Number on the Declaration.*

### **• Do I need a US Vet to sign the Declaration when I return from a show?**

*NO. This document needs to be stamped by Customs officials ONLY as a proof of Date of entry to and return from the US.*

### **• Why do we need this declaration?**

*In the event that contagious equine metritis (CEM) in the US is transported to Canada via infected horse germplasm (semen and embryos) the Declaration will be used as a tracking tool so that horses that have been to the US and have re-entered Canada can be traced and checked if an outbreak occurs.*

\* For more information about CEM see [www.inspection.gc.ca/or](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/or) call 1-800-442-2342.