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**SUBJECT:** Evacuation of Equines Due to Hurricane Dorian  
Suspension of Equine Interstate Movement Requirements

All,

Due to potential emergency conditions that appear likely due to Hurricane Dorian, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) is temporarily making the following exceptions to the regulations governing the importation and exportation of equines coming into and leaving North Carolina as a result of Hurricane Dorian.

- Horses being evacuated to North Carolina that have a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state of North Carolina without an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). A current Coggins test chart should accompany these horses.
- Horses being evacuated to North Carolina without a current Coggins will be allowed entry into the state of North Carolina PROVIDED they will be allowed to return to their state of origin without a current Coggins or ICVI after the evacuation is lifted.
- All other animals being evacuated without an ICVI will be temporarily admitted into North Carolina and allowed to leave North Carolina provided the state they are destined to has waived their import requirements.

Evacuees should verify that the facilities in North Carolina to which they are evacuating are waiving requirements before departing for and arriving at those facilities. All animals moving under these exceptions are expected to return to their state of origin no later than September 30, 2019 unless this order is extended or revised.

Sincerely,

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