

## **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for movement of High Health Horses from the AHS infected area during the AHS high risk period**

### **Definition:**

High Health Horses are horses that are stabled, managed intensively and under regular veterinary care where the attending private veterinarian (PPV) has consulted with the local state veterinarian (SV) and SV Boland and the PPV is able to issue the health certificate under Annexure A.

### **Protocol:**

Pre-movement vector protected isolation in the AHS infected area for at least 14 days + negative RT-PCR → vector protected transport → post arrival vector protected isolation in the AHS Controlled Area for at least 14 days + negative RT-PCR.

The facility and protocol have to be approved by the local state veterinarian or his/her authorised representative in conjunction with the local private veterinarian and SV Boland. The final decision as to whether the horse can move directly or not will be made following consultation between the SV and PPV at origin and SV Boland.

#### **Pre-movement:**

Horses must be kept at a facility approved by the local state veterinarian in conjunction with the SV Boland under vector protected conditions for a minimum of 2 weeks prior to movement into the AHS Controlled Area (see description of Vector Protected Isolation in Annexure B.) The facility must be inspected and approved by the local SV at origin ahead of the start of isolation.

A PCR test, performed by a DAFF approved laboratory, must be carried out with a negative result on a blood sample collected not less than 14 days after introduction into the vector protected facility, and not more than 48 hours prior to movement into the AHS Controlled Area. A copy of the test results must be attached to the health certificate.

#### **Transport:**

Horses must be transported under vector protected conditions directly from the vector protected isolation facility in the infected area to the vector protected isolation facility in the AHS Controlled Area. A copy of the transport trip sheet must be sent to the SV Boland within 24 hours of the movement.

Post arrival:

After arrival in the AHS Controlled Area, horses must be kept under vector protected conditions for a minimum of 2 weeks. (see description of Vector Protected Isolation in Annexure B.) The facility must be inspected and approved by the SV Boland or his authorised representative before the start of pre-movement isolation.

A PCR test, performed by a DAFF approved laboratory, must be carried out with a negative result on a blood sample collected not less than 14 days after movement to the vector protected facility in the AHS Controlled Area. The SV Boland will release the horse/s from isolation once he has received a copy of the negative test result.

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