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To: All WTBA Sale consignors

Re: Information on Brand Inspections

If your sale horse(s) are entering Washington State (from another state or province) specifically for a WTBA sale, a brand inspection and health papers may need to accompany each horse. The (horse's) state of origin determines if a brand inspection, health papers, and/or vesicular stomatitis permit is required, contact information follows. These documents should be turned into the sales office upon your horse's arrival at the sale grounds.

Per L. Alexander, WSDA Animal Services Div. Livestock Identification Program assistant manager, if a horse is in residence in the State of Washington for 30 or more days immediately prior to the sale; the horse is considered to be coming from the State of Washington. In this case an outside brand inspection is unnecessary.

These are not new requirements; however compliance is being required by various state agencies. Your veterinarian may be a brand inspector. If not, contact the state brand department who will be able to assist you.

The WSDA may require WTBA Sales to withhold proceeds from the sale of any horse that entered Washington (crossed the state lines) specifically for this sale until the originating state brand and/or inspection laws have been complied with. We are required to submit to the WSDA a listing of all horses consigned.

If you have already brought your horse into Washington without a brand inspection, health papers or a vesicular stomatitis permit, contact your state of origin for resolution. When your horse arrives in Washington, please have the inspection and health papers forwarded to WTBA Sales at the address listed above.

Please Note

From WSDA (Washington State Department of Agriculture)
Frequently Asked Questions
Animals (moving pets, horses, birds; branding livestock)
What is required to bring my horses to Washington?
Domestic equine ... must have an official health certificate or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with 30 days of shipment. A negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test (Coggins test) is required within six months prior to entry. Equines originating from Oregon are exempt from the EIA. Also exempt are equines under six months of age, equines for immediate slaughter, and equines consigned to a veterinary clinic that will return to the state of origin following treatment or surgery.

...BRAND LAWS MUST BE COMPLIED WITHIN THE STATE OF ORIGIN.

For more information contact the Washington State Dept. of Agriculture (Livestock Identification Dept) 360-902-1855, www.agr.wa.gov/foodanimal/livestock; or the Washington State Veterinarian 360-902-1878

HORSES COMING FROM

California 916-654-1447 www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/permits.html
vesicular stomatitis permit needed also
Idaho 208-884-7070 www.isp.idaho.gov/brands
vesicular stomatitis permit needed also
Kentucky 502-564-3956 www.kyagr.com/statevet/

Montana 406-444-7323 www.mt.gov/liv
vesicular stomatitis permit needed also
Oregon 503-986-4681 www.egov.oregon.gov/oda/ahid

OPTIONAL : British Columbia 250-314-9686 www.ownership-id.com

MUST HAVE BRAND AND/OR HEALTH INSPECTIONS FROM THEIR STATE/PROVINCE OF ORIGIN

Private (horse) transporters must also comply, even if it is your horse and you are doing the vanning.

The following apply:

- WAC 16-610-025: When are horses required to be inspected for brands or other proof of ownership?
 - (4) When offered for sale at any special sale where horses of more than one owner are offered for sale on an occasional and seasonal basis by public auction.
- and R.C.W.16.57.160 and W.A.C. 16-607-025.