Equine Infectious Anemia

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Equine Infectious Anemia
Proposed Regulatory Modifications

- History
- Proposed Concepts and Reasons for Change
- Outreach Activities
EIA Regulatory Process

- History - EIA; has traditionally been a concern for states and stakeholders

  - Previous USAHA Resolutions
    - 2006 Resolution 8 - EIA UMR to be placed in CFR
    - 2004 Resolution 16 – Update the CFR to create a National State-Federal EIA control program.
      - Risk Based
      - Standardize and simplify EIA testing movement requirements

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EIA Rule Making Process

• USDA has started the rule making process
• USDA proposed rule progress continues and we are determining publication plans
The Proposed EIA Rule: Changes ahead

• The EIA Rule being drafted:
  - Is comprehensive
  - Creates flexibility
  - Standardizes movement requirements
  - Develops a national standard for control of EIA
  - Standardizes testing
EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

• Comprehensive
  ➢ Interstate transit
  ➢ Exposed equine
  ➢ Reactor equine
  ➢ Laboratory requirements
  ➢ Uniform standards document
  ➢ Accreditation requirements
EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

• Creating Flexibility
  ➢ Administrator Determination
  ➢ Uniform Standards Document
  ➢ Allows for local/State control and decision making processes
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• Creates options for EIA exposed animal
  ➢ State/Federal Epidemiologists have more control on EIA cases
  ➢ Guidance provided in Uniform Standards Document

• Creates more options for reactor equine
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• Standardizes
  ➢ Standardizes procedures for collection and submission of samples
  ➢ Standardizes requirements for horses in interstate transit
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• Laboratory and testing
  ➢ Provides flexibility for the future in EIA testing abilities
  ➢ Provides standardization of laboratory requirements and result reporting
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• Uniform Standards Document
  ➢ A living document
  ➢ Provides information on current rules and regulations
  ➢ Lists Administrator requirements
  ➢ Provides guidelines for Animal Health Officials.
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- Transparency and Stakeholder input
  - Uniform Standards Document
    - Notification of Changes provided through *Federal Register*
    - Stakeholders will have opportunity to comment through the *Federal Register*
EIA Proposed Regulatory Changes

• Sample collections
  - Defines testing and movement requirements for EIA movement to be done by an accredited veterinarian, military veterinarian, State animal health official or Federal animal health official.
EIA Proposed Changes - Outreach

- Outreach activities
  - USAHA 2011- Buffalo
  - AAEP 2011 Annual meeting- San Antonio
  - National Equine Conference Call (State-Federal-Academia)-November 2011
  - AHC and AAEP conference call- December 2011

- To provide the opportunity for all stakeholders to comment on the proposed rule, the USDA is determining how to proceed with the publication process.
Questions?