

# Documents Required to Transport Horses in New Mexico

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## INTRODUCTION

Determining which official documents are required for transporting horses into, around, and out of New Mexico can be confusing for the new horse owner. Furthermore, in the modern age of animal disease surveillance, these requirements may be modified on a frequent basis. While the recommendations in this guide were current at the time of publication, owners should contact the New Mexico



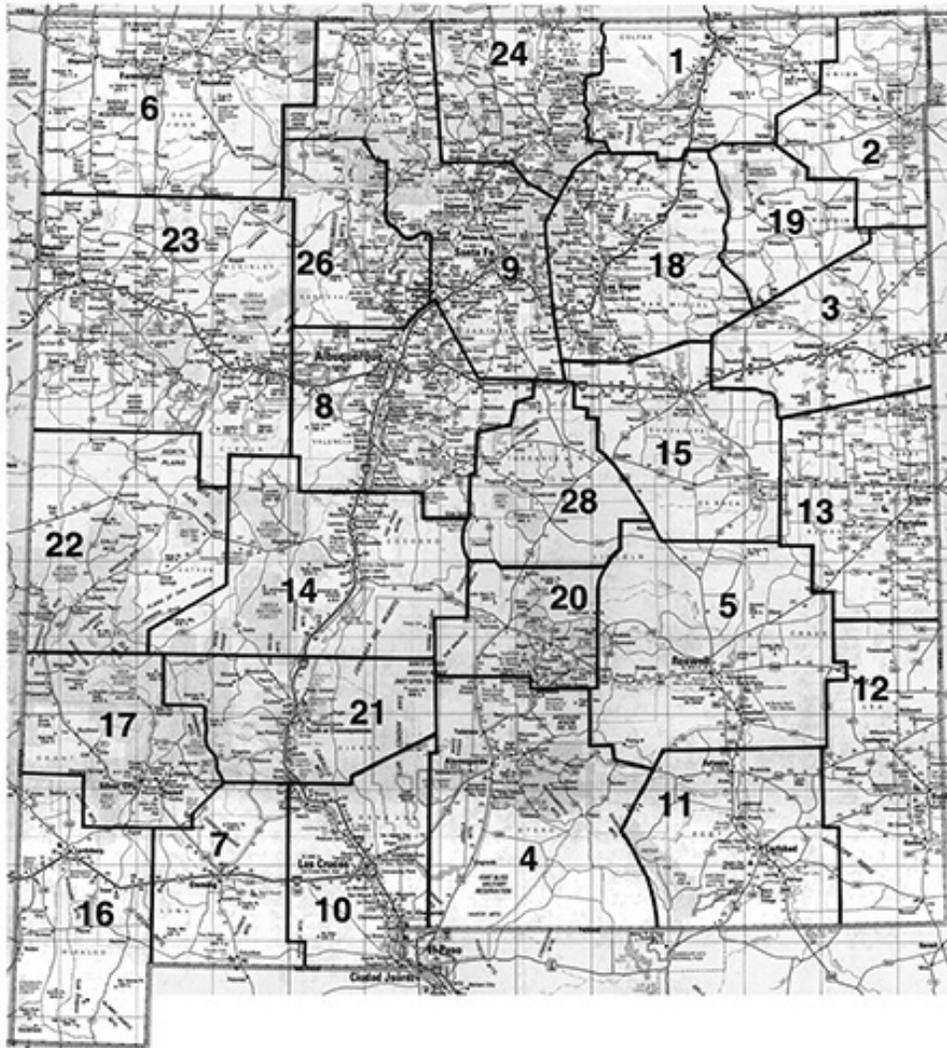
Livestock Board and/or the specific equine event they are attending to determine if additional documentation is needed. Once you have properly determined what documents are required for transporting your horses, it is recommended that you prepare a notebook to keep all of the following information organized and readily available in the vehicle when transporting your horses. A copy of this notebook kept in the home is a valuable “backup” of this important information.

## BRAND INSPECTION

When traveling within the district your horse resides in (Figure 1), a brand inspection form (Figure 2) is not required; however, it is recommended that you carry proof of ownership (bill of sale or registration papers) at all times. When you transport your horse from one inspection district to another, you are required to have a current brand inspection form (Figure 2) dated within the previous 7 days, or a permanent hauling permit (Form 1-H; Figure 3). Furthermore, horses that reside in New Mexico for more than 30 days are required to have a brand inspection. For more information, please contact the New Mexico Livestock Board or the local brand inspector in your district.

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**New Mexico Livestock Board Inspection Districts  
Approved December 6, 2001**



<u>Area 1 Districts</u>	<u>Area 2 Districts</u>	<u>Area 3 Districts</u>	<u>Area 4 Districts</u>
District 5	District 1	District 6	District 4
District 11	District 2	District 8	District 7
District 12	District 3	District 9	District 10
District 13	District 15	District 23	District 14
	District 18	District 24	District 16
	District 19	District 26	District 17
		District 28	District 20
			District 21
			District 22

*Figure 1. Map showing inspection districts for the New Mexico Livestock Board. Courtesy of the New Mexico Livestock Board.*

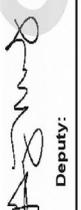
Void <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>New Mexico Livestock Board</b>		Form #: 012-5-022xx	
<b>Official Certificate Of Livestock Inspection (Form1)</b>		Manual Form #:		Permit #:	
Inspection Animal Type: Export Equine	Address: PO Box 9xx	City: CARLSBAD	State: NM	Zip: 88221	Date: 13-Aug-2010 9:40 am
Owner/Shipper: Sam Steele	Inspected at: BRUSHY †	Premise ID:	Inspection County: Eddy		
Sold By NOT SOLD	Brand Owner Sam Steele	Address/City/State: PO Box 9xx Carlsbad, NM	Master #	Brand NOB	Loc
			Ear	Gender Gelding	Com/Reg C
					Qty 2
					H Cent #
					ID #
Total: 2					
<b>Remarks:</b>					
PAINT GELDING, BAY GELDING, MUST COMPLY WITH STATE OF DESTINATION REQUIREMENTS					
Total in Shipment		2 at		0.50 \$/head \$1.00	
Service Charge				\$5.00	
Other Charges				\$0.00	
Beef/Sheep Council Qty		at		\$/head \$0.00	
Payment		Check		Total Charges: \$6.00	
Check #		1014			
Change of Ownership		<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Buyer/Rep:					
Consigned To: Sam Steele					
At: CINCINNATI, OH					
County:					
To Premise ID: August 25, 2010					
Void After: Void At Destination					
<b>Quarantine #:</b>		<b>Must Comply With Requirements Of State Of Destination</b>			
Owner Signature: Sam Steele		(A) I hereby certify that I have legal possession or that I have the right to sell, transfer or dispose of the livestock described herein.			
Inspector Signature: 		(B) A health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian and permit if requested MUST accompany for interstate movement.			
George Mendoza Deputy:		I hereby certify that I have this day inspected the above described livestock and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, find the same to be free from contagious diseases and all other data embodied in the foregoing report, are true and correct in every particular as required by law.			
City: Roswell		No Diversion without permission			
District: 11		Phone: 623-3031			

Figure 2. Example of a temporary brand inspection form used by the New Mexico Livestock Board. Courtesy of the New Mexico Livestock Board.

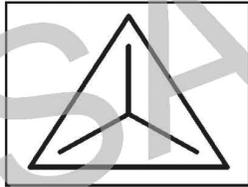
**New Mexico Livestock Board** Horse Transportation Permit No: 003-8-025xx

**Owner** Name: Sam Steele  
 Address: 100 Sam Steele Way  
 City: Edgewood State: NM Zip: 87056  
 Premise: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: Bernalillo

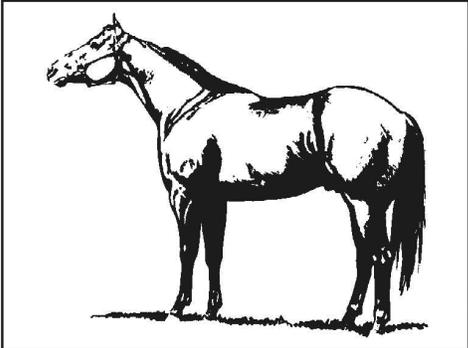
This permit issued in compliance with section 47-9-38 1 N.M.S.A. 1953, new section enacted 1969, and section 77-9-42 N.M.S.A. 1978. This permit must accompany horse at all times when in transit in compliance with New Mexico laws and laws governing interstate movement. This PERMIT VOID WHEN ANIMAL CHANGES OWNERSHIP. PERMIT IS GOOD ONLY IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Breed: Grade Name of Horse: Pal Registered No  
 Gender: Gelding Brand Location: Left Shoulder Registration 98514000012xx  
 Color: Paint Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_ EID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: DOB 2004 Star, Snip all 4 white Legs \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proof Of bill of sale  
 Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have legal possession or that I am the legal owner of the livestock described herein, and agree the information in this permit is true and correct in every particular as required by law.

 Sam Steele Signature

Date: December 06, 2008

I hereby certify that I have this day inspected the above described livestock and to the best of my knowledge and belief the brands and all other data embodied in the foregoing report are true and correct in every particular as required by law.

Inspector: Randol D. Riley District: 8  
 Permit : \$0.00 Service Charge: \$0.00  
 Total : \$0.00 Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_



Date Issued: August 09, 2010

Figure 3. Example of Form 1-H. Courtesy of the New Mexico Livestock Board.



**NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD**  
300 SAN MATEO NE, SUITE 1000  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108  
(505) 841-6161

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION**  
Livestock and Poultry  
USE FEDERAL FORMS FOR ALL FOREIGN SHIPMENTS

Valid for no longer than 30 days following the date of inspection of the animal(s) identified on this document.

**NO. 85-XXXXXX**

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NAME SHIPPER OR CONSIGNOR \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGIN (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ Premises ID # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME RECEIVER OR CONSIGNEE \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DESTINATION (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ Premises ID # \_\_\_\_\_

CARRIER  TRUCK  AIR

OTHER NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_

Shipment Date \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIES**

Beef Cattle  Dairy Cattle  Sheep  Goats  Swine  Poultry  Horses  Other (indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE(S) OF SHIPMENT**

Interstate  Intrastate  Show/Exhibition  Sale  Ownership Change  Feeding  Slaughter  Other (indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

Breeding \_\_\_\_\_

No. of animals in Shipment \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE/AREA STATUS**

**Tuberculosis**

Free  Modified Accredited Advanced **Brucellosis**

Free  'A'  Other Status (indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

**HERD/FLOCK STATUS**

Accredited # \_\_\_\_\_  Certified # \_\_\_\_\_  Validated # \_\_\_\_\_  # \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFIED NEGATIVE HERD TEST DATES**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_

TEST CHARTS: Legible copies of official charts (with individual animals identified and animals that are not shipped lined out) attached to original and all copies.

Yes  No **CHART NUMBERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VACCINATED OR TREATED FOR: (except brucellosis)**

Disease \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Product(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION				BRUCELLOSIS		EIA TEST		TUBERCULOSIS TEST		OTHER TEST(S)	
FEDERAL EAR TAG # REGISTRATION TATTOO,	LINE #	REGISTRY NAME AND NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION AND REGISTERED OWNERSHIP BRAND	B R E E D	A G E	S E X	Vaccination	TEST DATE	DATE	LAB	LAB	DISEASE TESTED FOR
		All animals must be listed; line out animals not shipped.									
1											
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**VETERINARY CERTIFICATION**—I certify, as an accredited veterinarian, that the above described animals have been inspected by me and that they are not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease (except where noted). The vaccinations and results of tests are indicated on the certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this certificate meet the state of destination and federal interstate requirements. No further warranty is made or implied.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ PREMISES ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT STATE OF DESTINATION FOR MOVEMENT REQUIREMENT**

**STATE OF DESTINATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**OWNER/AGENT STATEMENT:** Owner must comply with all origin & state of destination entry requirements. "The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate."

S/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTION:** ORIGINAL COPY TO ACCOMPANY SHIPMENT  
YELLOW & PINK COPIES SENT TO NMLB  
W/ 10 DAYS OF ISSUE. GOLDENROD COPY  
RETAINED BY VETERINARIAN FOR 3 YEARS

**ORIGIN STATE CERTIFICATION**

**Figure 4.** Example form used by the New Mexico Livestock Board for Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Courtesy of the New Mexico Livestock Board.

### VETERINARY INSPECTION

Although a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI; Figure 4), or what is commonly referred to as “health papers,” is not routinely required for transporting horses within New Mexico, a CVI is required when transporting horses across the New Mexico state line into surrounding states. A CVI is available from any licensed New Mexico veterinarian, and it is normally valid for 30 days following the official inspection of the horse(s) it covers. On the CVI, the veterinarian provides specific information about the horses being shipped; the CVI may also include the results of laboratory tests used to verify that the horses are free of certain diseases.

In addition to the CVI, a copy of the form (Figure 5) used to verify a negative laboratory test for equine

infectious anemia (EIA) is required for transport across the New Mexico state line as well as entry into various exhibition grounds, shows, and rodeos in New Mexico. This form is commonly referred to as a horse’s Coggins’ papers. Normally, these test results are valid for use in transporting horses for 12 months following the test; however, some states or specific venues may require more frequent testing. Specific laboratory tests for other diseases in addition to EIA (e.g., equine viral arteritis, equine piroplasmiasis, etc.) may be required to verify that the horses being transported are free of disease. These tests may only be required of horses of a certain breed, age, sex, use, or geographic location. Be sure to check with the appropriate regulatory agency to determine if documents other than the CVI and EIA forms are required for the horse(s) you intend to transport.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE <b>EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA LABORATORY TEST</b> (VS Memorandum 555.8)	SERIAL NO. <b>B</b>	1. ACCESSION NUMBER	2. DATE BLOOD DRAWN
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**Forms Without Adequate Descriptions Of The Horse and Complete Addresses Including Zip Codes, Counties, and Telephone Numbers Will Not Be Processed.**

3. REASON FOR TESTING <input type="checkbox"/> Market <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Retest <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> First Test <input type="checkbox"/> Export	7. NAME AND ADDRESS OR STABLE/MARKET (Please print or type)
4. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) (ddmmvvvv) 5. VETERINARY LICENSE OR ACCREDITATION NO. 6. TEST TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> AGID <input type="checkbox"/> ELISA	Zip Code Tel No.    County
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER (Please print or type) Zip Code Tel No.    County	9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN (Please print or type) Zip Code Tel No.    County

**CERTIFICATION OF FEDERALLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN**

I certify the specimen submitted with this Form was drawn by me from the horse described below on the indicated date.

10. SIGNATURE OF FEDERALLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN	11. TYPE OR PRINT NAME	12. SIGNATURE DATE
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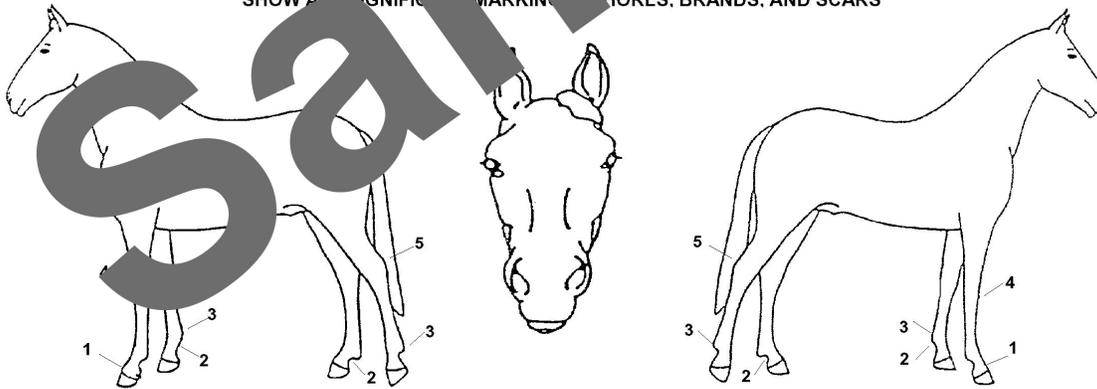
**CERTIFICATION OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT**

I certify that I have examined this form and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this form is correct and complete.

13. SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT	14. TYPE OR PRINT NAME	15. SIGNATURE DATE
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16. Tube No.	17. Official Tag No.	18. Tattoo/Brand	19. Name of Horse	20. Color	21. Breed	22. Electronic I.D. No.	23. Age or DOB	24. Sex	M - Male F - Female G - Gelding N - Neuter

**SHOW ALL SIGNIFICANT MARKINGS, WHORLS, BRANDS, AND SCARS**



1 - Coronet, 2 - Pastern, 3 - Fetlock, 4 - Knee, 5 - Hock

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS**

25. HEAD	26. OTHER MARKS AND BRANDS
27. LEFT FORELIMB	28. RIGHT FORELIMB
29. LEFT HINDLIMB	30. RIGHT HINDLIMB

**FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY**

31. LABORATORY NAME/CITY/STATE	32. DATE RECEIVED	33. DATE REPORTED OUT	34. TEST RESULTS <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> AGID <input type="checkbox"/> ELISA
36. SIGNATURE OF TECHNICIAN		35. REMARKS	

Falsification of this form or knowingly using a falsified form is a criminal offense and may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (U.S.C. Section 1001).

VS FORM 10-11 (MAY 2000) (Replaces the VS 10-11 (4-90) and VS 10-11T (10-97), which may be used.)

**Figure 5.** Example of form used to record equine infectious anemia (EIA or Coggins') test results for horses. Available at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/eia/downloads/vs\\_form10-11.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/eia/downloads/vs_form10-11.pdf).

## **SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND/OR EVENTS**

Shipping horses to specific equine events (e.g., shows, rodeos, sales, etc.) in New Mexico or transporting horses to other states may entail more stringent entry requirements than those previously mentioned. Furthermore, transport requirements change frequently in order to minimize the spread of equine diseases. Therefore, horse owners are strongly encouraged to contact the manager(s) of the specific event or the office of the state veterinarian where they intend to travel to determine the exact requirements for the dates of travel. Contact information for the office of the state veterinarian in New Mexico and adjoining states is provided below. Contact information for all 50 states is available from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/entry-requirements/us-state-and-territory-animal-import-regulations>). For more information concerning export of horses to other countries, visit the USDA-APHIS website (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export>).

### **Office of the State Veterinarian**

New Mexico Livestock Board  
2105 Osuna Road NE Building South  
Albuquerque, NM 87113-3203  
Telephone: (505) 841-6161  
Fax: (505) 841-6160  
<https://www.nmlbonline.com/>

### **Office of the State Veterinarian**

Arizona State Department of Agriculture  
1110 W Washington St., Suite 450  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Telephone: (602) 542-4293  
Fax: (602) 542-4290  
<https://agriculture.az.gov/animals/state-veterinarians-office>

### **Office of the State Veterinarian**

Colorado Department of Agriculture  
Animal Health Division  
305 Interlocken Parkway  
Broomfield, CO 80021  
Telephone: (303) 869-9130  
Fax: (303) 466-8515  
<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/contact-animal-health>

### **Office of the State Veterinarian**

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture  
2800 N Lincoln Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
Telephone: (405) 521-3864  
Fax: (405) 522-4912  
<https://ag.ok.gov/divisions/animal-industry-state-veterinarian/>

### **Office of the State Veterinarian**

Division of Animal Industry  
Utah Department of Agriculture  
4315 South 2700 West  
TSOB South Bldg., Floor 2  
Taylorsville, UT 84129-2128  
Telephone: (801) 982-2200  
Fax: (385) 465-6022  
<https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/animal-industry/>

### **Office of the State Veterinarian**

Texas Animal Health Commission  
P.O. Box 12966  
Austin, TX 78711-2966  
Telephone: (800) 550-8242  
<https://www.tahc.texas.gov/>

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