



Movement of Horses

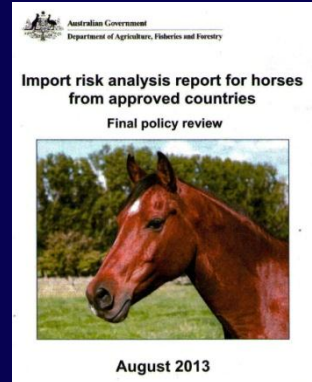
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Recent Changes to Australian Quarantine

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Some Background

- The Melbourne Spring Carnival is worth over \$600 M to the State
- International participation has been credited with revitalizing the event
- Travelling racehorses to Australia is a major undertaking
- Australia is free of Equine Influenza



Safely Minimizing Barriers

- Vaccination requirements
- Distance separation of PEQ facilities
- PAQ duration



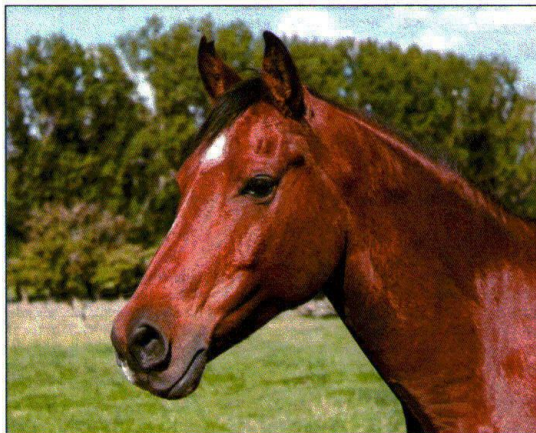
The DAFF Policy Review



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Import risk analysis report for horses from approved countries

Final policy review



August 2013



Significant Changes in 2013

- PEQ reduced from 21 days (2010) to 14 days
- CEM sampling requirements for females simplified.
- Most recent EI vaccine can be given 14 to 90 days (previously 21 to 90 days)



Significant Changes in 2013

- PEQ facility separation distance from domestic horses reduced from 100 metres to 50 metres (potentially less with solid walls)
- PAQ period for horses commingled from different regions reduced from 21 days to 14 days



Operational Significance

- Much easier to find suitable PEQ facilities
- No invasive sampling of Mares and Fillies
- Greater flexibility with time of vaccination
- Decreased quarantine periods are more attractive to international participants



How was Progress achieved?

- Understanding the role of DAFF and working collaboratively in the interests of the industry and the nation
- Identifying gaps in knowledge and facilities
- Investing in research, facilities and training
- For example, the RV sponsored EI study performed by Roman Paillot at the AHT and published in *Veterinary Microbiology* (2013)



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Thank You !



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