

OTTAWA, October 31, 2011: [The Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\)](#) is implementing new measures to verify that horses are being humanely transported in accordance with the Health of Animals Regulations.

Effective January 1, 2012, all shipments of feeder and slaughter horses entering Canada from the United States by ground transportation will be required to proceed through designated ports of entry. Shipments will only be accepted during the CFIA's regular hours of operation.

The designated ports of entry have appropriate unloading facilities for horses and are staffed by CFIA veterinarians.

As of January 1, 2012, shipments of feeder and slaughter horses will not be able to enter Canada at other border ports of entry.

The new requirements apply only to feeder and slaughter horses. Imports of other types of horses (for example, riding or breeding horses) and other types of livestock are not affected by this change.

Feeder horse shipments require customs clearance from the Canada Border Services Agency and may be referred to the CFIA for inspection. All shipments must be presented during CFIA regular hours of operation in order to allow for inspection if required.

Slaughter horse shipments require CFIA veterinary inspection at the border. Transporters must arrange an appointment for inspection a minimum of 24 hours before arriving at the port of entry.

Designated Border Ports of Entry for Feeder and Slaughter Horses Entering Canada from the United States

The eight designated ports of entry are listed below.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Port of Entry	On Agency Port of Entry
Kingsgate, British Columbia	
250-417-2293	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Eastport, Idaho
208-267-2396	
Coutts, Alberta	
403-344-3808	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Sweetgrass, Montana
406-335-9610	
North Portal, Saskatchewan	
306-927-2255	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Portal, North Dakota
701-926-4281	
Sarnia (Point Edward), Ontario	
519-332-3031	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Port Huron, Michigan
517-324-5298	
Windsor, Ontario	
519-969-2522	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Detroit, Michigan
313-226-4428	
Niagara Falls (Queenston), Ontario	
905-937-7434	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Lewiston, New York
716-297-6203	
Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle, Quebec	
450-246-4125	
Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m.	Champlain, New York
518-298-2191	
Woodstock, New Brunswick	
506-325-1960	
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.	Houlton, Maine
207-532-6099	