

The Breeds & Industry Division of Equine Canada would like to inform all stakeholders of the Canadian horse industry that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has removed import restrictions on horses from Florida entering Canada that were put in place due to a 2008 outbreak of equine piroplasmiasis in the state of Florida.

Current import requirements for horses entering Canada may be found using the CFIA Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) at <http://airs-sari.inspection.gc.ca>. To determine specific import requirements for each horse, specific parameters that refer to each horse's circumstances will need to be entered and customized import requirements will be provided.

Canadian importers can also contact the CFIA area office to request up-to-date requirements for importing horses to Canada. Dr Gary Kruger, Veterinary Program Specialist (403) 292-5825 or krugerg@inspection.gc.ca.