
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Equine Viral Arteritis Order 1995

Notification of disease in horses

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, a person who knows or has reasonable grounds for supposing that a stallion—

- (a) which is in his possession or under his charge, or
- (b) which he has examined or inspected,

is or may be diseased, or is or may be a carrier of the virus, shall with all practicable speed notify the fact to the Divisional Veterinary Officer.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall not apply in respect of a stallion which has been vaccinated against the disease and which, immediately prior to vaccination, has been tested for the disease with a negative result.

(3) A person who knows or has reasonable grounds for supposing that a mare which has been served, either naturally or by artificial insemination, within the previous fourteen days—

- (a) which is in his possession or under his charge, or
- (b) which he has examined or inspected,

is or may be diseased, shall with all practicable speed—

- (i) notify the fact to the Divisional Veterinary Officer; and
- (ii) notify to the Divisional Veterinary Officer the name of the stallion used to serve the mare and the name and address of the owner of the stallion.

(4) A person who, following analysis by him of a sample of serum or semen taken from a stallion or a sample of serum taken from a mare which has been served, either naturally or by artificial insemination within the previous fourteen days, reasonably supposes that the disease exists or the stallion may be a carrier of the virus shall—

- (a) with all practicable speed notify the fact to the Divisional Veterinary Officer;
- (b) retain the sample analysed until its disposal is authorised in writing by a veterinary inspector; and
- (c) if required in writing to do so by a veterinary inspector, surrender any samples in whatever form they are to a veterinary inspector or an officer of the Ministry acting on his behalf.

(5) This article shall not apply where the disease or virus has been deliberately introduced into a horse or sample in a laboratory.