



Border Information

Bringing your horses to Canada? Here are some useful tips for a successful crossing at the border.

Horses or other equines may be imported temporarily into Canada from the United States free of taxes as long as that horse will not remain in Canada. Please be prepared to provide documentation to show that your horse will only be in Canada for a short time. Information such as show catalogues and entry forms will be useful back up documentation. Both Canada and the US have regulations governing the movement of horses across the shared border. These regulations may be subject to change in the event of disease outbreaks or other international events. Successfully crossing the borders with horses requires planning well in advance of your trip to allow time for all necessary tests and paperwork to be completed.

Please contact your veterinarian well ahead of time to arrange for them to help with all the required paper work. Your vet will provide all the necessary forms that will be needed when crossing the border including a negative EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) test within 180 days of entry signed off by your vet and Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) or USDA veterinarian.

A Veterinary Health Certificate is also required, stating that the horse has been examined within 30 days of entering the country and is free of contagious diseases. This document is to be completed and signed by your veterinarian and the CFIA or USDA veterinarian. A US Health Certificates form VS17 – 145 is used for individual horses and VS17 – 140 for multiple horses whether permanent for temporary entry is being made into Canada. No veterinary inspection is required at the border for horses entering Canada or the US provided the horse returns within 30 days of the date of entry into either the US or Canada on a temporary basis. We recommend using Ambassador Bridge or Peace Bridge Border Crossings which are open 24hrs.

Please feel free to contact chelsea@angelstone.ca with any questions that you may have so that we can help make your trip to Canada a most enjoyable and memorable experience! For further information on the importation of horses, call the Canadian Border Services toll free inquiry line at 1-800-461-9999 or check out www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

