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MEMORANDUM	

**TO:** State Animal Health Officials and Accredited Veterinarians

**CC:** Ryan Quarles, Commissioner of Agriculture; Keith Rogers, Chief of Staff

**FROM:** Robert C. Stout, DVM, State Veterinarian/Executive Director

**DATE:** February 9, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Movement to Kentucky Racing or Training Facility

Due to the recent EHV-I outbreak at Fair Grounds Race Track in New Orleans, LA and pursuant to 302 KAR 20:040, horses originating from or having been stabled in the past 30 days at a premises in Louisiana where EHV-I infection has been diagnosed shall meet the below stated requirements prior to entry into Kentucky:

- 1. A licensed accredited veterinarian shall issue a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) within the previous day of departure from Louisiana.
- 2. The veterinarian issuing the CVI shall obtain an entry permit from the Office of State Veterinarian 502-782-5901, Monday Friday, 8:00 am 4:00 pm (EST).
- 3. EHV-1 testing requirements:

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- Option 1 Each horse shall test negative on PCR for nasal swab and whole blood (EDTA) collected within 96 hours prior to departure and be isolated at the Kentucky destination with temperature monitoring for seven days prior to release. Entry onto a Kentucky racing or training facility shall require a CVI written from the point of isolation. Laboratory report shall be attached to the CVI.
- <u>Option 2</u> Each horse shall be isolated at the destination recorded on the CVI and be tested negative for EHV-1 (nasal swab and whole blood EDTA) post arrival to qualify for entry onto a Kentucky racing or training facility. A CVI from point of isolation to the Kentucky racing or training facility is required.
- 4. These requirements shall be in effect until further notice. The situation will be evaluated daily.

