



**Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ICVIs) for Livestock Traveling to States Currently Affected by Vesicular Stomatitis Virus**

As of May 18, 2023, Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) has been diagnosed in California and other western states. Susceptible species include cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, camelids, and deer. More cases of VSV may be detected in the coming months in the US.

Please be advised that the ICVI issued by the New York Category 2 accredited veterinarian should not include the emergency VSV regulations statement as 1) we do not know the origin/status of other animals competing at the event; 2) we cannot predict the location of VSV when the animal is ready to return to New York; and 3) the issuing (NY) veterinarian will likely not be the vet who is examining the animals prior to their departure from the affected state.

**A new ICVI, issued by an accredited veterinarian in the affected state will be required for all susceptible livestock species returning to New York.** The new ICVI must include the emergency VSV regulation statement required by [1 CRR-NY 67.2](#):

*"All animals identified on this health certificate have been examined and found to be free from vesicular stomatitis and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the past 30 days these animals have not been exposed to said disease, nor held at a location within 10 miles of any place in which said disease has been found to exist."*

Clients who are planning shipments, competition, or exhibition in states currently affected by VSV should be reminded about [1 CRR-NY 67.1](#):

**IMPORTATION PROHIBITED.** *No person shall transport or bring into this state any equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, cervidae or llama from a point of origin located within 10 miles of any place in which the disease vesicular stomatitis has been found to exist during the 30-day period prior to the entry of said animal into this state.*

Your clients need to be aware that VSV can move quickly, and their animals might not be able to return promptly to New York if VSV is found within 10 miles of the place their animals visited in a VSV-affected state. Accordingly, your clients should carefully weigh the risks and benefits of sending their animals to VSV affected states and should consider making contingency plans in case VSV findings in those states during their animals' stay prevent a timely return to New York.