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AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS (AHS) CONTROL POLICY:

NOTICE ON PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVEMENT

To: All equine owners, managers, transporters, agents and veterinarians

The requirements for equine passports for the movement of horses into and within the AHS controlled area have been described in the notice and protocols issued by State Vet: Boland dated 24 August 2018. (Attached for ease of reference.)

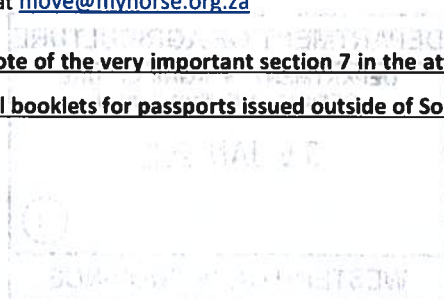
In brief: The passport must contain the following clearly legible information:

- a) Details of the current owner of the equine
- b) The identification of the equine
 - Both an identification diagram and written description of the equine, as described in the OIE Terrestrial Code (Chapter 5.12), must be completed and certified by a veterinarian or DAFF authorised identification official.
 - The identification diagram and written description must be completed legibly in full as prescribed by the relevant passport issuing agency, and in compliance with OIE standards. The written descriptions must be easily understandable and should therefore be written in English.
- c) Health Certificate for Movement
- d) Vaccination Certificate against AHS
- e) Unique Passport Number
 - The unique passport number must be issued by an approved passport issuing authority as defined in the attached SOP, or by SV: Boland.
 - The unique passport number must be linked to a database that can be accessed by the competent authority if required.

A list of approved South African passports for movement into and within the AHS controlled area is available from State Vet: Boland at move@myhorse.org.za

NB: Please take note of the very important section 7 in the attached AHS Passport policy relating to supplementary movement control booklets for passports issued outside of South Africa (Import passports).

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It is recognized that in countries where AHS is not endemic or not officially controlled by the veterinary authorities, equine passports may not contain all the relevant or compliant sections related to AHS movement control and vaccination. For AHS control purposes, (movement control or permission to vaccinate for AHS) a **supplementary movement control booklet** is required. This supplementary movement control booklet does not replace the import passport; is linked to the import passport by means of the passport number and the horse's microchip number; and is only valid together with the import passport.

The supplementary movement control booklet includes pages to record AHS vaccinations and health certificates for movement. It also includes a central identification page which does not need to be completed if the identification page in the import passport has been completed in English according to the OIE Terrestrial Code (Chapter 5.12) and certified by a veterinarian. If the identification page in the import passport is not completed in English in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Code (Chapter 5.12) and certified by a veterinarian, the ID page in the supplementary movement control booklet must be completed and certified by a veterinarian.

From 1 May 2019 a supplementary movement control booklet will be required for all imported horses for AHS control purposes, i.e. for any previously imported horse that has a passport not issued in SA that needs to move into the AHS controlled area or between zones in the AHS controlled area or for any imported horse that has a passport not issued in SA that is resident in the AHS controlled area and permission is required for the horse to be vaccinated for AHS.

To avoid delays, it is suggested that owners apply for supplementary movement control booklets proactively for all imported horses that have passports not issued in SA that are likely to require a movement permit or permission to vaccinate for AHS.

Breeds where the import passport is not required to be retained for stud book purposes, may prefer to replace the import passport with a compliant South African passport.

Supplementary movement control booklets are available from the **NHA** or **Studbook** or the **SAEHP**. See contact details below:

NHA:	Hazel Kayiya :	studbookadmin@nhra.co.za
Studbook:	Herman Labuschagnè :	herman@studbook.co.za
SAEHP:	Camilla Weyer:	passport@myhorse.org.za

Your cooperation in this regard would be greatly appreciated but should you have any queries please contact Dr. Camilla Weyer as above.

Yours sincerely,



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