Effective immediately there has been a quarantine placed in the state of Arizona for horses returning to Canada due to Vesicular Stomatitis

For more information on vesicular stomatitis please refer to the below link to the fact sheet on the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA) website:

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/vesicular-stomatitis/fact-sheet/eng/1306640102681/1306848592941

If you are planning on traveling to Arizona, or currently have horses in Arizona, the following regulations apply:

For Canadian horses (horses that have been in the US for less than 60 days) returning from Arizona:
- Horses will need to have a **new export certificate** issued from an accredited USDA vet within 15 days preceding importation to Canada. They will need their previous export papers to prove they are Canadian horses returning
- Horses will need a **negative vesicular stomatitis test** within the 15 days preceding importation to Canadian
- Owners will need to **apply for an import permit from CFIA**. You can obtain the application for the permit at the following link: http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/permit-application/eng/1374511671189/1374511696513. Once completed, return your application to permission@inspection.gc.ca. Permits generally take 10-14 business days to be returned to you so please make sure to apply for your permit in plenty of time before you leave
- Your horses and paperwork will need to be examined at the border on the Canadian side on the way back into Canada by the border veterinarian

For US horses (horses that have been in the US for over 60 days) returning from Arizona:
- US horses are not permitted to return directly from Arizona. The horses have to be moved out of Arizona to an unaffected state and quarantined for 21 days. Currently affected states are Arizona and Colorado. They then need to have new export certificate issued by a USDA vet preceding importation to Canada

Should you have any questions or require assistance to complete your permit application please make sure to contact our office at (403) 226-2585 and we’ll be happy to assist you