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To: Texas Horse Racetracks
Texas Horsemen's Partnership
Texas Breed Associations
TRC Stewards, Veterinarians, Investigators

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Re: Equine Health Inspection Requirements

In accordance with the current rules and policies of the Texas Animal Health Commission ("TAHC"), in order to be admitted onto any association's grounds, all horses must be accompanied by:

- a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (i.e., "health certificate"); and
- a valid negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (i.e., "Coggins test").

In addition, Arabians, Quarter Horses and Paint Horses must be accompanied by a valid negative test for Piroplasmiasis.

Under TAHC's rules, health certificates are only valid for 30 days and Coggins and Piroplasmiasis tests are only valid for 12 months.

While Texas Racing Commission (TRC) Rule 319.110 specifies that a health certificate issued in the 45-day period preceding a horse's arrival is valid for admittance to a track, TAHC's 30-day requirement is stricter and therefore takes precedence. TRC staff will propose a rule amendment at the next Commission meeting that will bring TRC's rules into conformity with TAHC's rules.

This policy takes effect May 3, 2016.

Note: Racing associations may impose more restrictive standards or additional requirements, so consult with each association for its specific requirements.