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## **AHS Movement Control Policy**

## To whom it may concern:

Please be reminded of the following changes that were made previously to the African horse sickness (AHS) Control Policy: Movement Control Protocol:

- With reference to vaccination of horses prior to movement of horses into the AHS
   Controlled Area defined in section 3.1 of the protocol: horses moving into the AHS
   Controlled Area from the AHS infected zone must have been vaccinated within 24
   months, but not less than 40 days, prior to movement. (The historic 60 days
   reduced to 40 days to align with OIE requirements.)
- With reference to vaccination of horses prior to movement WITHIN the Controlled Area (from protection zone to surveillance zone, or surveillance zone into free zone): horses may move within 40 days of vaccination from protection zone to surveillance zone, or surveillance zone to free zone during the period 1 June to 31 October only. Movement on or after 1 November may not be within 40 days of vaccination.
- State Vet Boland will consider granting special permission for individual horses that are resident in the AHS Controlled Area, that have vaccinated their horses legally according to the Animal Diseases Act (e.g. during the correct time of year, with the correct permissions granted), in order that these horse may move temporarily out of the AHS controlled zone into the infected zone and may return directly within the 40 days post vaccination. This permission will only be granted between 1 June to 31 October. Permission will not be granted to travel within 40 days of vaccination on or after 1 November.

• The temporary period of residence within the AHS infected zone, may not exceed 7

days.

• These horses must have been vaccinated at least three times by a veterinarian, in

their life, and these vaccinations must be recorded in a SV Boland approved

passport.

• This permission will only be granted to horses that have applied for the

permission PRIOR TO MOVEMENT OUT OF THE CONTROLLED AREA. Date

of arrival and date of departure must be confirmed with SV Boland prior to

movement out of the controlled area. This permission must be indicated on

the permit for movement into the AHS CA.

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