



Import procedures for horses imported into the United States from countries affected with contagious equine metritis (CEM)

Stallions and mares over 731 days of age may be imported into the United States provided they meet the following requirements:

Mares must have a blood test and three cultures taken 72 hours apart. It takes 8 days to get the results of the cultures.

The shortest timeline in which the process can be completed for mares is 15 days.

After the results of the tests are known, the cleaning and packing process must be started and done during 5 consecutive days.

For stallions the process takes an average of 35 days, it takes 8 days for the results of the first culture.

The stallion must be bred via live cover with two mares leased from the quarantine facility. The Three sets of cultures of the mares must be negative for CEM during three consecutive days after being bred by the stallion.

The use of antibiotics, medications, ointments, antibacterial products, shampoo, etc. is prohibited since the may alter the results, and cause a delay on the release of the horse