



****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

Press Release: May 5th, 2015 – Idaho State Racing Commission

Health Requirement – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Idaho State Racing Commission has confirmed that Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) has been confirmed in horses in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona in the last week. The exposed facilities in New Mexico and Utah have been placed under quarantine and are under observation. Officials in Arizona have expressed concern that horses who have recently competed on the racetrack where one case of VSV has been confirmed, have been exposed to the virus and may now be travelling to other racetracks.

Effective May 5th, 2015 the Idaho State Racing Commission and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will be requiring the following for Live Race Meets in Idaho from horses being imported from states where VSV has been diagnosed:

Any livestock (equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae) entering Idaho from a premises where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last thirty (30) days shall be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection dated within fourteen (14) days of entry containing the following statement:

“All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been examined and found to be free from Vesicular Stomatitis. During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within an area where VS has been diagnosed. ”

Any horses travelling from a state with a confirmed case of Vesicular Stomatitis MUST call for an entry permit prior to shipment.

To obtain an entry permit, contact the Idaho Race Commission Veterinarian, Dr. Scott Leibsle @ 208.608.4719.

Please help get the word out and share this **IMPORTANT NOTICE** and feel free to forward on to your e-mail list including all horsemen coming to Idaho to run this summer!