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Dear Colleagues,

Following my FAX of 9 January 2015 [Ref. Ares (2015) 74967] the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, United States of America published the following information at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/animal_diseases/vsv/Sitrep_010715.pdf

*“On **January 6, 2015**, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa confirmed a finding of vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) infection (New Jersey serotype) on an equine premises in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. Two (2) horses on the premises met the case definition of VSV infection with compatible clinical signs and positive complement fixation antibody titers. This is the 2014-2015 VSV index case for Arizona.”*

Consequently, and in accordance with EU legislation, testing for vesicular stomatitis continues to be required for equidae certified from the US to the EU until further notice.

I trust you will make your approved Border Inspection Posts as well as the sector and shipping agents aware of this situation.

Yours faithfully,

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