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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Managers of Michigan Equine Events

FROM: Steven L. Halstead, D.V.M., M.S., State Veterinarian
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SUBJECT: GLOBAL VET LINK EQUINE HEALTH CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS OF
EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA TESTING

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA, also known as Coggin's disease) testing reports from the private web-based company "**Global Vet Link (GVL)**" as official. Based on this, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) accepts results of EIA testing reported by GVL for all official purposes under Michigan law.

Both MDA's Geagley Laboratory, 1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823; and Michigan State University's (MSU) Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (DCPAH), 4125 Beaumont Road, Lansing, MI 48910-8104 process EIA samples submitted through the GVL system. Testing results reported through the GVL-based process are considered official, equal to results reported directly by the laboratories. In fact, GVL-generated reports are preferred for the improved accuracy and detail compared to the hand-written information and sketched animal markings of the paper VS10-11 form. Likewise, Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (health certificates) generated through GVL are approved for official purposes, equal in all situations to the paper-based documents generally hand-completed by the veterinarian who conducts the health examination.

Additional information related to Global Vet Link can be found at www.globalvetlink.com. Information about EIA, Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, or other animal health related topics can be found at www.michigan.gov/mda or by calling (517) 373-1077.

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