

Import conditions for moving horses into Western Australia from 1 December 2025

New requirements for importing horses into Western Australia (WA), for liver fluke sampling and testing, will be in effect from **1 December 2025**.

Liver fluke sampling requirements for horses entering WA

From 1 December 2025, where the liver fluke import conditions for horses require testing by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) - approved Faecal Egg Sedimentation Test (FEST), **2 separate** samples must be collected from each individual horse being moved into WA.

A registered veterinarian or authorised government inspector must collect or directly supervise collection of the 2 samples. 'To directly supervise collection' means the registered veterinarian or authorised government inspector must be physically present and oversee the collection of the samples.

Each of the 2 samples must contain at least **10g of faeces**. The samples are to be collected from different areas of the faecal matter and **not** as one large sample that is divided into 2 smaller samples. The two samples can be collected at the same time or on different days but must be within 14 days of horses presenting to the border checkpoint.

Liver fluke testing requirements for horses entering WA

The faecal samples should be **submitted as 2 separate and individually identified samples** (but as one laboratory submission) to a <u>DPIRD approved laboratory</u> for the DPIRD-approved FEST.

The laboratory must individually test each of the 2 samples submitted for each horse and provide individual test results for each sample (that is, 2 laboratory test results are provided for each individual horse, within the same laboratory report).

Post-entry liver fluke treatment and testing requirements for horses entering WA removed

Requirements for post-entry liver fluke treatment or testing will be removed for horses that enter WA from 1 December 2025.

More information

- Visit the <u>DPIRD Forms for importing livestock and livestock products webpage</u> to find out more about these requirements.
- Email <u>livestockbiosecurity@dpird.wa.gov.au</u> if you have further questions.

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