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	<p align="center"><b>AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS CONTROL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE:  MULTIPLE MOVEMENT PERMIT SYSTEM</b></p>
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AHS Control SOP: Multiple Movement Permit System

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to describe:

- 1.1. The Multiple Movement Permit System to facilitate same day return movements across AHS control zones within the AHS controlled area;
- 1.2. The requirements for holdings and horses registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System;
- 1.3. The responsibilities of owners, transporters, state and private veterinarians and officials under the Multiple Movement Permit System.

## 2. Legislation

2.1. The Animal Diseases Act 1984 (Act no 35 of 1984):

- a) African horse sickness (AHS) is a controlled animal disease as defined in section 1 of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act no. 35 of 1984) in that control measures have been prescribed in terms of section 9 of the Act (Animal Diseases Regulations, No. R. 2026 of 26 September 1986, Table 2, as amended). Therefore, all statutory requirements applicable to controlled diseases are applicable to AHS.
- b) Regulation 20 (1) (a) (vii) states that no person shall, except under the authority of a permit issued by the responsible state veterinarian and otherwise than in accordance with the conditions specified in such permit move or remove any controlled animal or thing to, across or from land in a controlled area.

2.2. The latest official version of the Veterinary Procedural Notice for African horse sickness control, available on the DAFF website, [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za) >branches> Agricultural Production Health and Food Safety>Animal Health> Information.

2.3. This document does not supersede any other relevant legislation.

## 3. Definitions and Abbreviations

- 3.1. **“Passport”** is the identification document that positively identifies the equine. The format of the passport must comply with the minimum standards as set out in the AHS Control SOP: Acceptable Identification of Equines.

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- 3.2. **“Approved Passport Issuing Agency”** means a breed registering authority or international competition registering authority, or any other registering authority approved by the National Director: Animal Health to issue passports and administer an auditable equine registration and identification database for the purposes of AHS control in accordance with the AHS VPN. The database must contain the passport number, the name of the horse, a scanned in copy of the identification page, the name of the owner or responsible person and contact details at the time of issue.
- 3.3. **“Registered equine”** means an equine identified by means of a passport that is compliant with the AHS Control SOP: Acceptable Identification of Equines, issued by an approved Passport Issuing Agency as defined above.
- 3.4. **“Registered equine holding”** means a property registered with SV: Boland for the keeping of equines in the AHS controlled area.
- 3.5. **“Veterinarian”** means a qualified veterinarian according to the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act 1982 (Act no 19 of 82) and registered with the South African Veterinary Council.

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
AHS	African horse sickness
DAH	National Director: Animal Health
HCM	Health Certificate for Movement
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SV	State Veterinarian/Official Veterinarian
VPN	Veterinary Procedural Notice

#### **4. Application**

4.1. This SOP is applicable to:

- a) Holdings that are registered for the Multiple Movement Permit System as well as horses that are registered to move under the Multiple Movement Permit System;
- b) All state veterinarians, private veterinarians and other officials involved in the administration and auditing of the Multiple Movement Permit System;

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- c) All owners, managers and other role players involved in the registration, management and operation of the Multiple Movement Permit System.

## **5. Scope**

- 5.1. Multiple Movement Permits can only be issued to registered horses that are resident on a holding in one of the zones within the AHS controlled area.
- 5.2. Additional risk mitigation measures replace the requirement for a health certificate for same day movements of horses registered under this protocol.
- 5.3. Multiple movement permits are valid for a period of up to 6 months or as specified by SV: Boland, but can be retracted by SV: Boland at any time.

## **6. Registration**

- 6.1. The holding must be registered for this purpose under the Multiple Movement Permit System by SV: Boland or an authorised representative.
- 6.2. An email must be sent to [multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za](mailto:multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za) for application details. All record keeping is done online as prescribed by SV: Boland or in another approved format as prescribed by SV: Boland.
- 6.3. Specific destination holdings must be nominated in the application for registration.
- 6.4. Once registered, a login will be provided for the online interface where a full census of the registered holding, a list of horses nominated for registration and a movement log of all movements onto and off the registered holding, both standard movements and movements under the Multiple Movement Permit System must be completed.
- 6.5. State Veterinarian: Boland is under no obligation to issue a Multiple Movement Permit and a Multiple Movement Permit may be withdrawn if all conditions are not complied with.

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## **7. Requirements for horses registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System**

- 7.1. Horses must be identified by a passport that complies with the AHS control SOP: Acceptable Identification of Equines and horses must be microchipped and the microchip number must be recorded in the passport.
- 7.2. The passport must accompany the horse during any movement and must be available on request by any authorised official.
- 7.3. Horses must be vaccinated for African horse sickness (AHS) according to the AHS vaccination policy for movement from the zone they reside in, as described in the latest official version of the Veterinary Procedural Notice for African horse sickness Control, available on the DAFF website, [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za) >branches> Agricultural Production Health and Food Safety>Animal Health> Information". AHS vaccinations on the registered property are only permitted during the period between 01 June and 31 October of each year.

## **8. Requirements for holdings registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System**

- 8.1. A full monthly census of all equines on the registered holding must be maintained online at [www.myhorse.org.za/ahsmultimove](http://www.myhorse.org.za/ahsmultimove) by the owner or nominated representative.
- 8.2. A monthly movement log must be maintained online for all movements of equines onto or off the registered holding at [www.myhorse.org.za/ahsmultimove](http://www.myhorse.org.za/ahsmultimove) by the owner or nominated representative. This must include all movements of any equid onto or off the holding, including the temporary same-day movements under the Multiple Movement Permit System.
- 8.3. A monthly health declaration is required to be completed by the owner or manager or nominated responsible person for the registered holding regarding the health status of all horses on the holding. The information that must be included on the health declaration is described under point 12 below.
- 8.4. A monthly veterinary health declaration is required to be completed by the consulting, nominated private veterinarian for the registered holding regarding the health status of all horses on the holding. The information that must be included on the veterinary health declaration is described under point 13 below.

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- 8.5. The monthly census and movement logs must be updated online by the owner/manager/responsible person for the previous calendar month within 7 days of the beginning of each new calendar month.
- 8.6. The monthly veterinary health declarations and declarations by the owner/manager/responsible person must be updated for the previous calendar month within 7 days of the beginning of each new calendar month.

## **9. Documentation/forms issued/required for holdings registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System**

### 9.1. Documentation issued by SV: Boland

- a) A Multiple Movement Permit will be issued by SV: Boland to compliant holdings listing horses identified by the owner/manager that are permitted to move under the Multiple Movement Permit System. The Multiple Movement Permit will be valid for 6 months unless updates are required, or it is retracted for non-compliance.

### 9.2. Documentation required monthly

- a) Owner health declaration (see point 12 below);
- b) Consulting nominated private veterinarian health declaration (see point 13 below);
- c) Movement log kept up to date on the online system by the owner or responsible person of all equine movements onto and off the holding during the preceding month, including the date the horses departed from the holding of origin and the date the horses returned to the holding of origin. This must include all movements including the temporary same day movements of equines under the Multiple Movement Permit System;
- d) Detailed online census updated by the owner or responsible person of **all equines** resident on the holding.

- 9.3. The above documentation must be updated in hard copy ((a) and (b)) or on the online system ((c) and (d)) for the previous calendar month within 7 days of the beginning of the new calendar month.

- 9.4. Where horses have been added to or removed from the list of horses nominated to move under the Multiple Movement Permit System by the owner/manager of a

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compliant holding registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System, SV: Boland will issue an amended permit with the same reference number as the permit valid for that 6 month period. The amended permit will include all horses currently registered to move under the Multiple Movement Permit System. New additions and nominations must be done on the online system or as prescribed by SV: Boland.

## **10. Protocol for Moving Horses under the Multiple Movement Permit System**

- 10.1. The owner is responsible for all costs incurred under the Multiple Movement Permit System;
- 10.2. The holding must be registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System as described under point 6., above;
- 10.3. Each horse that moves under the Multiple Movement Permit System must be registered as described under point 6., above;
- 10.4. Horses must not originate from an area/holding under veterinary restrictions and may not travel to an area/holding under veterinary restrictions;
- 10.5. Horses must be transported directly from the holding of origin to the holding of destination, and directly from the holding of destination back to the holding of origin;
- 10.6. Horses must leave the holding of origin, arrive at the holding of destination and return to the holding of origin during daylight hours on the same day;
- 10.7. The Multiple Movement Permit must accompany the horse. A hard copy of the Multiple Movement Permit may be replaced by an electronic Multiple Movement Permit provided the permit is issued officially and available in a legible format on a device that accompanies the horse;
- 10.8. The validity of a Multiple Movement Permit can be checked online at [www.myhorse.org.za/shinyapps/multimovecheck](http://www.myhorse.org.za/shinyapps/multimovecheck)
- 10.9. Any horse that is unable to return to the holding of origin within daylight hours of the same day, may not move or return under the Multiple Movement Permit System. A Health Certificate for Movement will be required and these movements must comply with the standard movement requirements as described in the latest official version of the Veterinary Procedural Notice for

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African horse sickness control available on the DAFF website, [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za)  
>branches> Agricultural Production Health and Food Safety>Animal Health>  
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## **11. Important Links and Contacts**

- 11.1. The Multiple Movement Permit System is an electronic system and all correspondence must be addressed to [multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za](mailto:multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za)
- 11.2. The holding ID and web reference number included on the initial permit must be quoted on all correspondence;
- 11.3. The census, movement log and addition and removal of horses for a property registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System can be managed at: [www.myhorse.org.za/ahsmultimove](http://www.myhorse.org.za/ahsmultimove)
- 11.4. The validity of a permit issued under the Multiple Movement Permit System can be checked at: [www.myhorse.org.za/shinyapps/multimovecheck](http://www.myhorse.org.za/shinyapps/multimovecheck)

## **12. Monthly Owner Declaration**

- 12.1. The owner/manager/responsible person is required to attest to the following:
  - a) There has been no evidence of an undiagnosed infectious disease that could have AHS as a differential diagnosis in any of the horses resident on the holding during the preceding calendar month;
  - b) He/she is aware that
    - i. the Multiple Movement Permit registration for the holding must be valid,
    - ii. horses may only move under the Multiple Movement System if they are registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System and they are listed on the Multiple Movement Permit,
    - iii. all horses registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System on the holding must have a compliant passport and must be microchipped,
    - iv. all horses registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System on the holding must be vaccinated for AHS according to the AHS

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vaccination policy for movement from the zone they reside in as described in the latest official version of the Veterinary Procedural Notice for African horse sickness control, available on the DAFF website, [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za) >branches> Agricultural Production Health and Food Safety>Animal Health> Information. AHS vaccinations may only be done by a veterinarian during the period 1 June to 31 October each year, and the AHS vaccination must be certified by a veterinarian in the passport,

- v. he/she must notify SV: Boland on the email address [multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za](mailto:multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za) and his/her consulting private veterinarian within 24 hours if there is any change in the health status of any of the horses on the holding that could be an indication of AHS.

### **13. Monthly Veterinary Health Declaration**

13.1. The consulting private veterinarian is required to attest to the following:


- a) He/she has visited the holding at least 4 (four) times during the preceding calendar month and during those visits there was no evidence of an undiagnosed infectious disease that could have AHS as a differential diagnosis in any of the horses resident on the holding;
- b) He/she has made his/her client aware that:
  - i. the Multiple Movement Permit registration for the holding must be valid,
  - ii. horses may only move under the Multiple Movement Permit System if they are registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System and they are listed on the Multiple Movement Permit,
  - iii. all horses registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System on the holding must have a compliant passport,
  - iv. all horses on the holding registered under the Multiple Movement Permit System must be vaccinated for AHS according to the AHS vaccination policy for movement from the zone they reside in, as described in the latest official version of the Veterinary Procedural Notice for African horse sickness control, available on the DAFF website, [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za) >branches> Agricultural Production Health and Food Safety>Animal Health> Information. AHS vaccinations may only be done by a

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veterinarian during the period 1 June to 31 October each year, and the AHS vaccination must be certified by a veterinarian in the passport.

- v. his/her client is required to notify him/her immediately and the SV: Boland within 24 hours on the email address [multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za](mailto:multiplepermit@myhorse.org.za) if there is any change in the health status of any of the horses on the holding that may be an indication of an undiagnosed disease that could have AHS as a differential diagnosis.

This is the end of the AHS control SOP: Multiple Movement Permit System.

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