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Federal Transportation Regulation Changes via email
EQUINE

We apologize for the late response and do hope this will be accepted for consideration.

Those invested in the transport industry place serious consideration and much deliberation on welfare issues. Time without rest, feed and or water in transport is a subject of discussion within the transport industry. The items of discussion include consideration of temperature inside and outside the vehicle of transport, ventilation, natural, mechanical and road conditions.

Information gathered to date with processing plant attendees, indicate there are no records of equines received or arriving in distress from the lack of feed, water, heat, cold, or respiratory distress within 2016. Many equine transporters do provide feed and water on board during transport.

Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada would like further consultation on the following;

If a transport vehicle is inspected what is the criteria to be used to establish poor or unacceptable conditions of animal health and welfare? If regulators (CFIA and/or provincial) do not have a clear understanding are we to expect they will refrain from inspections or inspect to a regulation(s) that may not suit a given circumstance and indeed conflict with industry interests?

The Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada is an alliance of equine organizations and industry specialists whose purpose is the dissemination of accurate information, and promoting good welfare and humane practices related to the Canadian horse industry to horse owners and the general public.

We would like to respectfully submit our agreement with the proposed changes as in-

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill desBarres", written in a cursive style.

Wm. H. L. (Bill) desBarres
Chair Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada