



STA Compliance Verification Policy

For In-State, Multi-State, and International Operations

Organizations operating within one or more states, provinces, or internationally must demonstrate full compliance with all applicable licensing, permitting, and regulatory requirements related to the sourcing, transportation, rehoming, or brokering of horses.

This policy underscores STA's commitment to ensuring that accredited organizations operate lawfully, ethically, and transparently within each jurisdiction in which they conduct activities. Proper licensing and permitting protect not only the horses but also the credibility and sustainability of the aftercare industry.

Scope

This policy applies to all applicant and accredited organizations engaged in acquiring, transferring, rehoming, brokering, or otherwise facilitating the movement of horses across municipal, state, provincial, or national boundaries.

Regulatory Examples

Organizations are responsible for identifying and complying with all relevant laws in their jurisdictions. Examples include but are not limited to:

- **United States:**
 - **Georgia:** Licensing and bonding under the Georgia Equine Act (O.C.G.A. § 4-4-113).
 - **Michigan:** Licensing and bonding per Public Act 317 for livestock dealers and brokers.
 - **New York:** Domestic Animal Health Permit (DAHP) or equivalent under Agriculture and Markets' Part 61 and Article 5, Section 90-c.
 - **Ohio:** Livestock dealer's license as required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 943.
- **Canada:**
 - **Ontario:** Livestock Dealer License under the Livestock and Livestock Products Act.
 - **Alberta:** Licensing under the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (LICA).
 - **British Columbia:** Compliance with the Animal Health Act for horse brokers and transporters.
- **International:**
 - **European Union:** Registration under EU Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (Animal Health Law).
 - **Australia:** Permits under the Biosecurity Act 2015 for equine import/export.
 - **United Kingdom:** Licensing per The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018.

Submission Requirements:

1. Confirm possession of all required licenses, permits, or equivalent authorizations for operations in applicable jurisdictions.
2. Attach copies of current permits or licenses to this application.

Compliance Verification Requirements

As part of the STA application and ongoing accreditation, organizations must:

1. **Certify Compliance:** Provide a signed statement confirming possession of all required licenses, permits, or equivalent authorizations for each jurisdiction in which operations are conducted.
2. **Maintain Records:** Retain documentation of all regulatory compliance in organizational records and make them available upon request by STA or regulatory authorities.
3. **Monitor and Update:** Ensure all licenses and permits remain current and renew them promptly as required by law.

Policy Rationale

Adherence to this policy affirms the organization's commitment to lawful operations, transparency, and the highest standards of care for equine athletes. Compliance safeguards horses' welfare minimizes legal and reputational risks, and aligns with STA's mission to support sustainable, ethical, and accountable aftercare programs.



STA Compliance with Licensing and Permitting Requirements

Licensing, Permitting, and Operational Compliance

Organization Name:	Address:
Primary Contact Name & Title	Phone & Email:

On behalf of the above-named organization, I hereby attest and certify the following with respect to our operations and activities related to the sourcing, transferring, rehoming, or brokering of horses:

Section A – Our organization engages in the rehoming, transfer, or brokering of horses to third parties as part of its mission to transition equine athletes to new vocations.

- We operate in the following jurisdiction(s): _____
[List all states, provinces, countries where horses are sourced, transferred, rehomed, or brokered]
- We possess all licenses, permits, and authorizations required under applicable laws and regulations for our activities in each jurisdiction listed above.
- We understand and agree that it is our responsibility to maintain valid and current licenses and permits in all applicable jurisdictions and to comply with all relevant regulatory requirements at all times.
- We agree to promptly notify the Standardbred Transition Alliance (STA) if any license or permit lapses, is revoked, or otherwise becomes invalid, and to provide updated documentation upon renewal or modification.
- We affirm that should our operational model change away from rehoming, transfer, or brokering activities, we will immediately notify the Standardbred Transition Alliance (STA) and continue to comply with all applicable licensing and permitting requirements at that time.

By signing below, I attest that the information provided herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that our organization remains committed to operating in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and STA standards.

Signature:	Organization Name:
Primary Contact Name & Title:	Address:
	Phone & Email: