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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

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**Notice of Temporary Waiver**

Effective immediately, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, has temporarily waived its interstate import requirements for the transportation of animals fleeing the impact areas of Hurricane Ian in Georgia.

Any person transporting pets or livestock must notify the Tennessee State Veterinarian’s Office of animal movement and destination. Owners may call (615) 837-5120 or for weekend movement, email animal.health@tn.gov and a division representative will contact you during normal business hours.

During this temporary waiver, the following movement restrictions will be followed:

* Horses being evacuated from Georgia to Tennessee that have a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). A current Coggins test chart should accompany these horses.
* Horses being evacuated from Georgia to Tennessee without a current Coggins test will be allowed entry into the state provided Georgia will allow them to return without a current Coggins or CVI after the evacuation is lifted.
* All other animals being evacuated from Georgia without a CVI will be temporarily admitted to Tennessee and also allowed to leave Tennessee to return to Georgia.

A copy of this Notice should accompany the animals at all times. This document may not be used for permanent relocation to Tennessee and can only be used for animals who will be returning to Georgia after the emergency threat ends.

This suspension does not pertain to regulated wildlife. For movement of regulated wildlife, contact the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency at (615) 781-6500.

This temporary suspension shall expire on **October 16, 2022**, unless extended or rescinded.

Please call (615) 837-5120 to notify of movement or for more information.

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