

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

SUMMARY: LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

I GENERAL:

- A. All stalls, pens, chutes, etc., located on the grounds of fairs and exhibitions shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by USDA, APHIS between each scheduled fair or exhibition.
- B. All livestock (except poultry and equine) which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual permanent identification. Certificates for this purpose shall be valid for ninety (90) days from date of issue. (Tennessee livestock only – out-of-state certificates are valid for thirty (30) days from the date of issue)
- C. No animal showing clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease shall be allowed to enter or remain on premises of fairs or exhibitions. Any animals loaded with / accompanying animals with clinical signs of contagious disease will also be sent home because of exposure. It shall be the responsibility of the manager of each event to assure prompt removal of such animals. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or her agent.**

II LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING WITHIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

[Certificates of Veterinary Inspection Valid for a Period of Ninety (90) Days]

A. SWINE:

All swine which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual permanent identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.

B. CATTLE:

All cattle which enter fairs and exhibitions shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual permanent, official identification.

Lactating Dairy Cattle residing within Tennessee and moving to an exhibition, show, or sale within Tennessee (intrastate movement) do not require pre-movement H5N1 testing.

C. POULTRY:

(1) Sponsors of poultry shows or exhibitions shall notify the Tennessee Department of Agriculture at least **thirty (30) days prior to show or exhibition.**

(2) Poultry found not to be in apparent good health shall be removed immediately from any show or exhibition.

D. HORSES & OTHER EQUIDAE:

Horses and other Equidae six (6) months of age and older must have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within the preceding twelve (12) months.

E. SHEEP

(1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) All sheep that move within the state, with the exception of wethers under the age of 18 months that are produced for slaughter only, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

F. GOATS

(1) Goats imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) Goats imported into Tennessee for immediate slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment or to an approved livestock market for sale to a slaughter establishment shall only be required to have a transportation document and be in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(3) All registered breeding goats, goats that have been commingled with sheep, goats for exhibition and dairy goats that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

G. CAMELIDS: Camelids must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01 (1).

H. CAPTIVE CERVIDAE: Captive Cervidae must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as provided in Rule 0080-2-3-.01 (1).

(1) CWD susceptible species must have two forms of identification (including official USDA ID)

- (2) CWD susceptible species must not move from a CWD affected County to a non-CWD affected County.

III LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ORIGINATING OUTSIDE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Livestock and Poultry entering fairs and exhibitions from areas outside the State of Tennessee shall be subject to current Tennessee import requirements. Please contact the state veterinarian's office regarding questions or recent changes to these rules.

These interstate requirements are summarized as follows:

A. ALL SPECIES (except poultry):

Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection valid for thirty (30) days and individual permanent official identification, except for equine. Equine must have sufficient description to identify the animal.

B. CATTLE:

Additional requirements as follows:

- (1) Tuberculosis: No requirements except for cattle originating from regions not considered free of tuberculosis.
- (2) Brucellosis: No requirements except for cattle originating from regions not considered free of brucellosis. Test eligible cattle – Intact male or female cattle eighteen (18) months or older. (Vaccinates and non-vaccinates)
- (3) Per the USDA Federal Order, all lactating dairy cattle originating outside the State of Tennessee must have a negative H5N1 test within seven (7) days of interstate movement. Lactating dairy cattle can move back to the state of origin within ten (10) days of test.

C. SWINE:

No testing requirements for swine unless they are originating from a region not considered free of Brucellosis and Pseudorabies.

D. HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES:

Animals six (6) months of age or older - Proof of negative equine infectious anemia (Coggins) test within twelve (12) months. Results recorded on CVI.

E. POULTRY:

Originate directly from a Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock and an H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean Flock or be accompanied by evidence of a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within ninety (90) days and a negative Avian Influenza test within twenty-one (21) days. Poultry may be subject to surveillance testing for disease as determined by the state veterinarian.

F. SHEEP

(1) All sheep imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) All sheep that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

G. GOATS

(1) Goats imported into or through Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be in compliance with 0080-2-1-.02, and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(2) Goats imported into Tennessee for immediate slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment or to an approved livestock market for sale to a slaughter establishment shall only be required to have a transportation document and be in compliance with Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

(3) All registered breeding goats, goats that have been commingled with sheep, goats for exhibition and dairy goats that move within the state, including for change of ownership, shows, fairs, expositions or slaughter shall be permanently, individually identified by a method approved in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.1 through 79.4.

H. CAMELIDAE: Same requirements as for cattle.

I. CERVIDAE:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and additional requirements as follows:

(1) Brucellosis: Same requirements as for cattle.

(2) Tuberculosis:

(a) All cervidae shall originate in herds which have had a negative herd test for tuberculosis within twelve (12) months with a USDA approved single cervical test and individual imported animals shall be negative to

the single cervical test within thirty (30) days of entry; or

(b) Animals not originating in tested herds as described above must test negative to two (2) single cervical tests at least ninety (90) days apart, the second test conducted not more than thirty (30) days prior to entry.

(3) Two forms of identification (including official USDA official ID)

(4) CWD:

(a) CWD susceptible species must be from a CWD Certified Herd

NOTE: (Contact an accredited veterinarian for further details of import rules).

IV Fair association or exhibition or management shall inform exhibitors of the rules of this chapter and shall notify the State Veterinarian or her agent of any violations. Exhibitors shall present evidence of compliance with this chapter to the State Veterinarian or his agent upon request.

These rules constitute a minimum legal standard and in no way restrict the right of fair and exhibition managers to establish additional or more stringent requirements.

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