

900 Poultry and Animal Health

904 Health Requirements Governing the Admission of Animals

1.0 Relation to Federal Requirements

- 1.1 All livestock and poultry imports must meet Delaware Animal Health requirements, and be in compliance with the Federal Interstate requirements.
- 1.2 All animals covered by these regulations originating from public stockyards or which may be assembled at public stockyards consigned to a legal resident of Delaware shall be required to meet regulations of the State of Delaware before being released.
- 1.3 Livestock entering the State of Delaware without proper approved health certificate shall be held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until released by the Department of Poultry and Animal Health, Dover, Delaware.

2.0 Who May Inspect

Accredited, licensed graduate veterinarians who are approved by the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin and veterinarians in the employ of the Animal Health Division, United States Department of Agriculture.

3.0 Duties of Carriers

- 3.1 Owners and operators of common carriers, trucks and other conveyances are forbidden to move any livestock into or within the state or through the State of Delaware except in compliance with the provisions set forth in these regulations.
- 3.2 All railway cars, trucks, and other conveyances used for the transportation of livestock and poultry shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.
- 3.3 Owners and operators of railway cars, trucks and other conveyances that have been used for the movement of any livestock infected with or exposed to any infectious, contagious or communicable disease shall be required to have such cars, trucks and other conveyances thoroughly cleaned and disinfected under official supervision, before further use is permissible for the transportation of livestock.

4.0 Official Health Certificate

- 4.1 An official health certificate is a legible record covering the requirements of the State of Delaware, accomplished on an official form from the state of origin and approved by the livestock sanitary official of the state of origin, and issued by a licensed, graduate, accredited veterinarian who is approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state of origin.
- 4.2 The health certificate shall contain the names and addresses of the consignor and the consignee, with an accurate description or identification of the animals and shall also indicate the health status of the animals involved, including results of required tests. Health certificates shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
- 4.3 All laboratory tests for brucellosis and other diseases of animals which are intended for interstate movements to Delaware shall be made in the official laboratory of the state of origin.
- 4.4 All livestock imported into the State of Delaware shall be accompanied by an approved official health certificate which must be attached to the waybill or shall be in the possession of the driver of the vehicle or person in charge of the livestock.
- 4.5 A copy of the approved official health certificate shall be forwarded to the State Veterinarian, Department of Poultry and Animal Health, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware, 19901, before the arrival of the livestock.

5.0 Cattle

- 5.1 In addition to the general requirements, all cattle shall meet the following requirements:
 - 5.1.1 Brucellosis
 - 5.1.1.1 animals shall originate in Brucellosis Free or Modified Certified Free Areas or in herds which have had a complete negative herd test for brucellosis within the past twelve (12) months and

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5.1.1.2 individual animals to be imported over six (6) months of age shall be negative to an official brucellosis blood test conducted within thirty (30) days of the date of entry. Official brucellosis vaccinated heifers of the dairy and beef breeds under 18 months of age, steers, and spayed heifers need not be brucellosis tested and

5.1.1.3 shall not originate in herds under quarantine or in herds which contain brucellosis suspects or reactors.

5.1.1.4 individual animals shall be identified by ear tag or registration number, breed, sex and age.

5.1.2 Tuberculosis

5.1.2.1 animals over six (6) months of age shall be negative to a tuberculin test within sixty (60) days of the date of entry and

5.1.2.2 shall not originate in herds under quarantine or in herds which contain tuberculosis suspects or reactors.

5.1.3 Slaughter Cattle:

5.1.3.1 Clinically healthy cattle may enter the state without test or permit, provided such cattle are consigned directly to a slaughter house, sales ring or commission auction which is specifically approved by the United State Department of Agriculture and the Chief Livestock Regulatory Official of the State of Delaware. The animals must be accompanied by a waybill or similar document or a certificate signed by the owner or shipper stating that the animals are for immediate slaughter. Said cattle to be held in strict quarantine on premises at destination away from all cattle used for dairy or breeding purposes, and must be slaughtered within ten (10) days from the date of entry. All animals classified for immediate slaughter other than animals consigned directly to a slaughter house, must be individually identified, hot branded with the letter "S" by a representative of the State-Federal Government and so listed on the waybill, bill of sale or shipping certificate.

5.1.4 Feeder Cattle:

5.1.4.1 Feeder cows and heifers which do not come within the brucellosis requirements may be imported into the state for temporary feeding purposes provided they have passed a negative brucellosis blood test within thirty (30) days prior to entry, or are consigned to a public stockyard under official supervision where they shall be blood tested by an approved veterinarian.

5.1.4.2 Feeder cows, heifers, steers and spayed heifers which do not come within the tuberculosis requirements may be imported into the state for temporary feeding purposes provided they have passed a negative tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry, or are consigned to a public stockyard under official supervision, where they shall be tuberculin tested by an approved veterinarian.

5.1.4.3 Or may be consigned directly to an approved feed lot.

6.0 Horses and Other Equidae

6.1 These animals may enter the State of Delaware when accompanied by an official health certificate stating that said animals are free of any infectious or contagious diseases and have not been exposed thereto.

6.2 Horses must have included in the health certificate their temperature reading taken not more than ten (10) days prior to entry. Horses with a temperature exceeding one hundred and two (102) degrees fahrenheit are not permitted entry.

6.3 Testing Requirements for Horses:

6.3.1 All horses that are imported into Delaware must be accompanied by a certificate from an approved laboratory stating that they have been officially tested and have been found to be negative for equine infectious anemia within the past twelve (12) months.

6.3.2 All horses assembled at a show, fair, race meet, or other such function in Delaware, must be accompanied by a certificate of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia conducted within twelve (12) months prior to the event.

6.3.3 All horses consigned to a sale or auction in Delaware must be accompanied by a certificate of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia conducted within six (6) months prior to such event.

7.0 Hogs

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7.1 In addition to the general requirements, all swine for breeding or feeding purposes shall meet the following requirements:

7.1.1 General:

7.1.1.1 All swine, except those consigned for immediate slaughter, are to be individually identified by ear tag, registration number or tattoo.

7.1.1.1.1 Such swine must be accompanied by an official health certificate and are quarantined to the farm of destination for a period of 21 days.

7.1.1.2 Animals moving from farm of origin to specifically approved salebarn, stockyards or auction markets which do not comply with the requirements of 7.1 shall comply with the applicable provisions of Part 76, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.

7.1.2 Brucellosis:

7.1.2.1 Breeder swine over six (6) months of age must either originate in a Validated Brucellosis Free Herd or be negative to an official brucellosis test within thirty (30) days of the date of entry.

7.1.2.1.1 Breeder swine shall be individually identified by ear tag or registration number, age, sex and breed.

7.1.3 No swine that have been fed raw garbage are permitted entry into the State of Delaware.

7.1.4 Pseudorabies

7.1.4.1 Breeder Swine shall have originated from a Pseudorabies Qualified negative herd or shall have been tested negative for Pseudorabies at the 1:4 dilution within thirty (30) days of their date of entry.

8.0 Sheep

8.1 In addition to the General Requirements, all sheep shall meet the following requirements:

8.1.1 Must originate in a flock not infected with scrapie within the preceding four (4) years.

9.0 Goats

9.1 In addition to the General Requirements, all goats for breeding or dairy purposes shall meet the following requirements:

9.1.1 Tuberculosis:

9.1.1.1 Animals over six (6) months of age shall be negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days of the date of entry or be from a herd with a complete negative herd test within twelve (12) months of the date of entry.

9.1.1.2 Shall not originate in herds under quarantine or in herds that contain tuberculosis suspects or reactors.

9.2 Brucellosis:

9.2.1 animals over six (6) months of age shall be negative to an official brucellosis test within thirty (30) days of the date of entry or be from a herd with a complete negative herd test within twelve (12) months of the date of entry.

9.2.2 shall not originate in herds under quarantine or in herds which contain suspects or reactors.

10.0 Dogs

10.1 In addition to the General Requirements, all dogs shall meet the following requirements:

10.1.1 Animals over four (4) months of age shall be adequately vaccinated for rabies and

10.1.2 The type of rabies vaccine used for immunization and the date of administration shall be included on the official health certificate and

10.1.3 Animals shall not originate in a rabies quarantined area.

11.0 Cats

11.1 Cats may enter Delaware when accompanied by an official health certificate stating that said animals are free of any infectious or contagious disease or exposure thereto.

11.2 All cats 6 months of age and older must be adequately vaccinated for rabies.

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12.0 Psittacine Birds

A health certificate is required indicating the birds are from an area free of Psittacosis.

13.0 Poultry and Hatching Eggs

All poultry imported into the state shall be from approved pullorum typhoid free flocks.

14.0 Aquatic Species/Aquaculture

The Division of Fish and Wildlife regulates the harvest of finfish and shell fish, stocking, endangered and threatened species, and injurious fish bans. This agency regulates fresh and saltwater species. If you would like more information, please contact:

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The Department of Agriculture, Poultry and Animal Health regulates aquaculture. For more information, please contact:

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15.0 Ratites

15.1 Requirements include:

15.2 A health certificate.

15.3 Some form of individual identification.

15.4 A negative AGID test for avian influenza within 30 days of arrival.

16.0 Bison

Same as cattle.

17.0 Llamas

See General Requirements.

18.0 Elk

See General Requirements.

19.0 Rabbits

See General Requirements.

20.0 Zoo, Fur-Bearing, and Other Wild Animals.

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20.1 A health certificate is required for importing wild animals or semi-wild animals under domestication or in custody. In addition, many wild animals, hybrids of wild mammals, wolf hybrids, and reptiles require a permit if the animal species is not native to Delaware. Permit requirements include circuses, exhibitors, and private owners.

20.2 All zoo animals shall meet the General Requirements of Federal Regulations. Part A.

21.0 Semen and Frozen Embryos

See General Requirements.

22.0 Biologics, Microorganisms and Parasites

See General Requirements.

23.0 Emergency Provisions

See General Requirements.

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