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INTERSTATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ANIMALS

This document is a supplement to the Animal Health Requirements published for animals exhibited at New York State county fairs and the State Fair. Its purpose is to summarize the import requirements that must be met for livestock entering New York destined for fairs. Note that individual county fairs may require rabies vaccination in species not required by the state. Contact the specific fair for their requirements. Further assistance can be obtained by contacting the Division of Animal Industry (DAI) at 518-457-3502 or your State Veterinarian's office.

CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI)

A CVI is required for all animals moving interstate. Note that interstate CVI's must be issued by an accredited veterinarian. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season, from July 1 through Labor Day, Interstate CVI's can be used multiple times as long as the initial entrance to a fair in NY is within 30 days of issuance and the CVI is initialed by a state official. All documentation must accompany the animals. Animals not meeting the interstate and/or fair requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. Individual ID is required on all animals. Animals with incomplete or illegible ID will be rejected. Where rabies vaccination is required, the information can be included on the health certificate.

HORSES

Horses 6 months of age or older must test negative for equine infectious anemia. The test must be conducted within 12 months of the day of entry. The horse must be clearly and completely identified. Rabies vaccination is required for all horses over 105 days of age.

CATTLE

Cattle from all states must be test negative for BVD-PI with results and test date noted on the CVI. Cattle from the neighboring states of New England, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania can enter with CVI with no additional testing for importation required. For information on other states, please contact DAI at 518-457-3971. Vaccination for rabies and the bovine respiratory disease complex is required.

SHEEP

Sheep can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. All sheep must be identified by a USDA approved tag, a USDA approved flock tattoo with individual ID, or electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program. The veterinary statement concerning the flock inspection is required. Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep over 105 days of age.

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GOATS

Goats can enter with CVI only. No tests are required. The veterinary statement concerning the flock inspection is required. All goats must be identified by a USDA approved tag, legible registration tattoo, a USDA approved herd tattoo with individual ID, or electronic ID if enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

SWINE

Swine can enter with CVI only. No tests are required with the exception of swine from Texas which must have a negative brucellosis test.

LLAMAS / ALPACAS / GUANACOS / VICUNAS (NEW WORLD CAMELIDS)

New world camelids attending a New York county or state fair must be accompanied by a CVI with animals individually identified. They must be test negative for BVD-PI with results noted on the CVI.

DEER (CERVIDAE)

Deer must meet the Federal interstate requirements for tuberculosis testing (be from an accredited or qualified herd). Brucellosis testing is required for deer greater than six months of age. A written permit issued by the Division of Animal Industry is required in advance. For complete information, please contact the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971.

BIRDS

Out of state poultry must be accompanied by the NPIP flock certificate if the flock is NPIP certified. Otherwise a CVI is required. Poultry, with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl, must test negative for pullorum within 30 days of importation if not from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock. Other birds must be accompanied by a CVI. For more information, contact DAI at 518-457-3971.

NON-HUMAN PRIMATES

CVI plus negative TB test within 12 months of exhibition is required.

ELEPHANTS

CVI plus evidence of current USDA Exhibitor's License.

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