West Virginia
Importation Requirements
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West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Animal Health Division
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IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
    - Cattle may be transported across state lines to a livestock market with an owner-shipper statement in lieu of a CVI.
- Official identification is required for all cattle (BRITE tag or 840 tag).
    - Cattle traveling to an approved tagging facility may be tagged upon arrival.
- Cattle 18 months of age and older must:
    - Have had a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import unless from a maintained certified herd, or unless they are an official calf hood vaccinate (OCV, see following).
        - Dairy cattle vaccinated for Brucellosis between 4 and 12 months must have a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import if greater than 24 months old.
        - Beef cattle vaccinated for Brucellosis between 4 and 12 months must have a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import if greater than 24 months old.
    - Have had a negative Tuberculosis test within 60 days of import unless from a maintained accredited herd.
- ANY bred heifer, regardless of its age, must have a negative Tuberculosis test within 60 days of import and a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import (unless from an accredited and/or certified herd or unless the animal is an official calf hood vaccinate, OCV, see following).
    - Dairy cattle vaccinated for Brucellosis between 4 and 12 months must have a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import if greater than 24 months old.
    - Beef cattle vaccinated for Brucellosis between 4 and 12 months must have a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import if greater than 24 months old.
- All bulls imported for breeding purposes must be PCR negative for trichomoniasis with 60 day of importation. Virgin bulls are exempt.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
- Permanent identification is required for all swine.
- Swine to be used for breeding purposes must:
    - Have had a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days unless maintained in a pseudorabies qualified herd (last herd test date must be listed on CVI).
    - Have had a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days unless maintained in a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd (last herd test date must be listed on CVI).
- Swine to be used for feeder/market purposes must have such stated on the CVI (“Feeder use only”, “Club use only”, etc.).
- Swine to be used as pets that are sexually intact must:
    - Have had a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days.
    - Have had a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days.
- Swine to be used as pets that are not sexually intact must:
    - Have had a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days.
- All CVIs for swine imported into WV must include the statement "To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not originated from a premises known to be affected by Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv), and have not been exposed to PEDv within the last 30 days." The statement must be signed by both the veterinarian and the owner.
    - Also: pigs coming from a PEDv affected herd can come to WV with a PCR negative test for PEDv on the imported pig with the results listed and attached to the ICVI.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
    - CVI must show that the origin flock is free of any contagious or communicable disease (scabies, sore mouth, foot rot, etc.)
- Scrapie identification tags are required for all sheep.
    - These tag numbers must be reflected on the CVI.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GOATS

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
- Official scrapie identification is required for all goats.
    - This official identification must be reflected on the CVI.
    - If official identification is in the form of a RFID implant, the owner must provide a reading device.
- Goats to be used for milking purposes must have:
    - A negative Tuberculosis test within 60 days of import unless from a maintained accredited herd.
    - A negative Brucellosis test within 30 days of import unless from a maintained certified herd.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUINES (HORSES, DONKEYS, ZEBRAS)

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
- All equine must have a negative Coggin's (Equine Infectious Anemia, or EIA) test within 12 months of import.
    - A nursing foal may move on its dam's Coggin's test if it is less than 6 months of age. Any foal NOT accompanied by its dam must have a negative Coggin's, regardless of its age.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RATITE BIRDS (POULTRY)

- Out of state birds intended for importation shall be apparently healthy, shall be tested negative for Avian Influenza (AI) with the results listed and shall not originate from a flock known to be infected with pullorum/typhoid. All birds shall be accompanied by:
    - 1) A negative Avian Influenza (AI) test within 14 days of import/exhibition/swap/trade and a form 9-3 indicating that they have originated from a pullorum/typhoid clean flock (NPIP participant); **OR**
    - 2) A negative AI test within 14 days of import/exhibition/swap/trade and a form 9-2 indicating that the birds have been pullorum/typhoid tested negative within 90 days of the event (results and ID tags must be listed on 9-2); **OR**
    - 3) A negative AI test within 14 days of import/exhibition/swap/trade and a health certificate (CVI) within 30 days of the event (results and ID tags

must be listed on CVI) showing negative pullorum/typhoid test within 30 days.

- Birds intended for slaughter must:
  - Test negative for AI within 14 days.
  - Be from NPIP certified flock or be pullorum/typhoid negative within 90 days.
- No importation of any birds infected with pullorum/typhoid or that are from an area under quarantine for Avian Influenza or Velogenic Newcastle Diseases will be permitted.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RATITES (OSTRICHES, EMUS)

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
- A negative test for Avian Influenza within 14 days prior to shipment with the test date and results listed on the CVI is required for all ratites.
- Permanent identification is required for all ratites.
  - If permanent ID is in the form of a microchip, owner must provide a microchip reader.
- A permit issued by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture with the permit number listed on the health certificate is required for all ratites.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS AND CATS

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
  - CVI must state that inspecting veterinarian has observed no signs of any infectious disease.
  - CVI must state that animal has not been exposed to any infectious disease.
- Dogs and cats over 6 months of age must have been vaccinated for rabies within the previous 12 months from the date of importation.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ZOO ANIMALS

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
    - CVI must state that the animal has been examined within 1 month prior to entry and found to be free of any communicable disease and is not known to have been exposed to any communicable disease.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMELIDS (LLAMAS, ALPACAS)

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance.
- Permanent identification is required for all camelids.
    - If permanent ID is in the form of a microchip, the owner must provide a microchip reader
- Animals with known communicable disease will not be permitted importation.

IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE FOR EXHIBITION, OTHER WILDLIFE, CERVIDAE, UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, i.e. health certificate) is required for all animals being imported into West Virginia. CVIs expire after 30 days of issuance. DNR CVIs are available for some species.
    - A valid 9-3 form may be used for Upland Game Birds in lieu of a CVI.
- A Valid importation permit from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) – 304-558-2771

REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT – Contact the USDA Area Office