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NEW WORLD SCREWWORM RESPONSE
ANIMAL MOVEMENT AND RESTRICTED ENTRY ORDER

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Under the authority vested in the State Veterinarian by Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 22-26f, I hereby issue the following Order.

This Order establishes emergency preparedness, surveillance, and response measures for the potential introduction of *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, commonly known as the New World Screwworm (NWS), into the State of Connecticut. Although NWS has not been detected within Connecticut, conditions in other regions indicate an increased risk of introduction, making proactive planning necessary.

This Order is issued pursuant to:

- **CGS § 22-26f**, establishes the powers of the State Veterinarian regarding animal disease reporting, movement, testing, and quarantine.
- **Sec. 22-12b** establishes the criteria for importation of foxes, mink, chinchilla, marten, fisher, nutria and muskrat.
- **Sec. 22-308** establishes the criteria for issuance of permits for importation of equines, and livestock, including sheep, goats and swine.
- **Sec. 22-344b** establishes the criteria for importation of dogs and cats by pet shops.
- **Sec. 22-344f** establishes the criteria for importation of dogs and cats by animal importers and animal shelters.
- **Sec. 22-415c** establishes the criteria for the official interstate health certificates needed for the importation of equines.
- **Sec. 26-57a** establishes the criteria for issuance of permits for importation of cervids.

The State Veterinarian finds the following:

1. New World Screwworm is considered a U.S. Foreign Animal Reportable Disease capable of causing severe animal morbidity, economic losses, and significant public resource impacts.
2. All warm-blooded animals are susceptible to infestation.
3. Several potential pathways for introduction, including interstate animal movement necessitate heightened preparedness within Connecticut.
4. Early surveillance and rapid response capacity are essential to protect animal health and the State's agricultural economy.

5. Connecticut law grants the State Veterinarian authority to issue orders necessary to prevent and respond to such threats in order to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases among animals and poultry and protect the public from such diseases as may be transmissible to human beings, either directly or through the products of such animals within the State of Connecticut.

Section A Definitions

For purposes of this Order:

- **Accredited Veterinarian**: A veterinarian approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §161, Requirements and Standards for Accredited Veterinarians and Suspension or Revocation of Such Accreditation.
- **Adjacent Surveillance Zone:** A zone of at least 20 Kilometers surrounding an infested zone.
- **Infested Zone:** A Zone of at least 20 Kilometers around NWS detections in animals or wild fly detections.
- **Movement:** Transport of animals within Connecticut or across state lines.
- **State Animal Health Official (SAHO) or State Veterinarian**. The State official responsible for livestock and poultry disease control and eradication programs.
- **Susceptible Species**: All Warm-Blooded animals.
- **New World Screwworm (NWS)**: *Cochliomyia hominivorax*.

Section B Mandatory Reporting

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1. Licensed veterinarians, livestock producers, wildlife rehabilitators, municipal animal control officers, pet shops and animal shelters shall immediately report any suspicious or potential NWS cases to the State Veterinarian.
2. Diagnostic samples shall be collected by the State Veterinarian and submitted to the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (CVMDL) or another USDA approved- laboratory.

Section C Enhanced Surveillance Measures

The Department may implement enhanced surveillance in cooperation with partner agencies in the following areas:

- Livestock markets and auctions
- Veterinary clinics
- Agricultural fairs and exhibitions
- Wildlife corridors and rehabilitation facilities

- Points of entry or transportation hubs

The Department may establish additional surveillance sites as necessary.

Section D Conditional Movement Restrictions

AS OF JULY 1, 2026, THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO SUSCEPTIBLE SPECIES OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS ENTERING THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT:

1. Any susceptible species of domestic animal infested with or suspected to be infested with NWS shall not enter Connecticut until the animal has been examined and determined to be free of NWS by an accredited veterinarian.

2. Any susceptible species of domestic animal originating from an infested zone, shall not enter Connecticut until the animal has been examined and determined to be free of NWS by an accredited veterinarian.

3. Any susceptible species of domestic animal originating from a premises currently under quarantine for NWS or where suspicion of NWS exists shall not enter Connecticut until that premises has been deemed free of infestation by the respective State Animal Health Official.

4. Susceptible species of domestic animals, including dogs and cats, originating in a U.S. state that contains an infested zone, or adjacent surveillance zone, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from an accredited veterinarian issued within a maximum of **5 days prior** to entry into Connecticut. The CVI or document shall contain a statement that all animals were individually inspected by an accredited veterinarian, state animal health official, or federal animal health official and found free of obvious wounds and evidence of NWS infestation. **Please note that this requirement applies to all susceptible species of domestic animals, even if they were otherwise exempt from providing a CVI to the State Veterinarian under the applicable import statute for that animal.**

5. Susceptible species of domestic animals, including dogs and cats, originating from an infested zone shall be treated by an accredited veterinarian with a systemic product with United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), or United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorization for use against NWS, prior to entry and must be within the labeled duration of action of the product upon entry into Connecticut. The name of the product used, and the date and route of administration shall be noted on the CVI.

6. In addition, dogs and cats originating from a US state that contains an infested zone or adjacent surveillance zone shall be treated by an accredited veterinarian with a systemic product with FDA, USDA, or EPA authorization for use against NWS prior to entry and must be within the labeled duration of action of the product upon entry into Connecticut. The name of the product used, and the date and route of administration shall be noted on the CVI. Dogs and cats shall be accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian or government animal health official within a maximum of **5 days prior** to entry into Connecticut.

7. Shipments of hatching eggs and birds up to 3 days of age are exempt from the examination requirement and may be shipped using a CVI or 9-3 form.

Section E Duration

This Order remains in effect for 120 days unless rescinded, extended, or amended by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Section F Right to request a hearing

You may request a gratuitous hearing to challenge the terms of this Order. This hearing does not constitute a contested case as defined in C.G.S. section 4-166(4). A request for such hearing must be RECEIVED by the Department by close of business (5:00 pm) within five days after the day of your receipt or electronic posting of the Order. Such hearing which will be held within 10 days of the Department's receipt of your request. To ensure the Department's receipt of your hearing request within the time prescribed, it is suggested that the request be sent by email to DoAG.Adjudications@ct.gov or by express or overnight mail to DOAG Adjudications, Room 701, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103. You will be notified of the hearing date, time, and location. The gratuitous hearing is an opportunity to be heard and to show that such conditions identified in this Order do not exist or are not applicable to you.

Dated: June30, 2026

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