HEALTH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS INTO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Effective April 29, 2024, all **lactating** dairy cattle are required to receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory for **interstate movement**. **Milk samples** must be collected and submitted by the same Category II accredited veterinarian who is completing the health certificate and must be **collected no more than seven (7) days prior to interstate movement**. Lactating dairy cattle from herds which have tested positive for Influenza A are not eligible for movement for thirty (30) days from the most recent collection **of any sample that tests positive from any individual animal in the herd**. After the 30-day period, animals must be tested again for movement. **No dairy cattle exhibiting clinical signs of HPAI will be allowed to move into Connecticut.**

The following statement must be on Official Interstate Health Certificates for all horses and livestock (including bison, Cervidae, and camelids) entering the state of Connecticut from states where Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) has been confirmed:

"The animals represented on this health certificate have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for Vesicular Stomatitis. I have examined the animals and have found no signs of Vesicular Stomatitis."

For specific requirements for cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, dogs, and cats, please visit: www.interstatelivestock.com

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Official Interstate Health Certificate Required.

All cattle, buffalos, Cervidae, camelids, goats, sheep, swine, equines, ratites, and poultry including chickens, turkeys, guineas, waterfowl, and pet zoological or psittacine birds must be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate. One copy of such certificate, approved by the official having jurisdiction over the disease of domestic animals in the state from which such animals or poultry are shipped or brought, shall be forwarded to the Connecticut State Veterinarian.

2. Prior Import Permit Required.

   The official interstate health certificate and all copies thereof shall have included thereon an import permit number obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture by the consignee. Phone 860-713-2504 between 8:30am and 4:00pm or by email to AGR.SVCS@ct.gov. Livestock Importation Permit:
   https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Regulatory/Regulatory/Livestock-Importation-Permit

   Poultry, hatching eggs, zoological or pet-type bird importation permit:
   https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Regulatory/Regulatory/Pet-Bird-or-Poultry-Importation-Permit

3. Exception to Prior Permit Requirement.

   All cattle, goats, sheep, and swine for immediate slaughter at an official establishment under Federal Inspection are exempt from the permit requirement. All animals for immediate slaughter shall be accompanied by a bill of sale or certificate of assignment made out by the consignor, showing the name of the consignee and the destination. All equines are exempt from prior permit requirements.

4. All Species.

   Animals originating in herds or flocks under quarantine, for any reason are not eligible for entry except under permit for immediate slaughter.

CATTLE

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1. Identified with an official eartag.
2. Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian 30 days or less prior to entry, with official ID numbers recorded on the certificate.
3. Import permit number must be recorded on the ICVI and can be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860-713-2504 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM or by email to AGR.SVCS@ct.gov.
4. TUBERCULIN TEST REQUIRED:
    i. Cattle must come from a herd negative to a tuberculin test within in the past 12 months and must have been included in the herd test OR have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days of movement. The date of the test must be recorded on the CVI.
    ii. Cattle from herds which have, at any time, been affected with tuberculosis are not eligible for entry.
5. BRUCELLOSIS TEST REQUIRED: The following animals, at the time of importation, shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days before importation:
    i. Bulls and non-brucellosis vaccinated female cattle 6 months of age and older.
    ii. Official calfhood vaccinates 18 months of age and older.
    iii. Adult vaccinates are **not eligible** for entry. .
    iv. Animals vaccinated when more than 359 days of age with diluted brucella abortus vaccine are **not eligible** for entry.
    v. STEERS: brucellosis test not required

HORSES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

An official interstate health certificate within 30 days prior to entry and an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test certificate stating that such equines have been officially tested and found to be negative within a period of 12 months prior to entry is required.

Equine without an EIA certificate, or which tested positive may be shipped into the state for research purposes, or immediate slaughter after obtaining a special permit from the State Veterinarian.

All equines presented for public auction shall have a health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian and cosigned by the State Veterinarian within 10 days prior to the auction and a certificate indicating a negative reaction to an EIA test within 60 days prior to the auction.

SWINE

(See also General Requirements 1, 2, 4 above).

Swine imported for other than immediate slaughter:

1. Official identification required.
    a. Official eartags that conform to one of the following systems: National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES); Animal Identification number (AIN/840); or Premises Identification Number (PIN).

   b. Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) **if recorded in Purebred Registry Association Board with documentation attached to the CVI.**
   c. Eartags bearing the premises identification number combined with a unique number from the producer's identification system.
2. Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian 30 days or less prior to entry, with official identification recorded on the certificate.
3. Import permit number must be recorded on the ICVI and can be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860-713-2504 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM or by email to AGR.SVCS@ct.gov.
4. Brucellosis Validated Free Herd number and date of last whole herd negative test (including the swine being imported) must be recorded on the CVI ***OR*** swine over 3 months of age must be tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days of entry.
   a. Test results must be recorded on the CVI.
   b. Barrows are exempt from the 30-day brucellosis test.
5. Pseudorabies Qualified Free Herd number and date of last whole herd negative test (including the swine being imported) must be recorded on the CVI ***OR*** the swine must be tested negative for Pseudorabies within 30 days of entry.
   a. Test results must be recorded on the CVI.

SHEEP

(See also General Requirements 1, 2, 4 above).

1. All sheep must have USDA-approved official identification. It must bear the U.S. shield, be tamper resistant, have a high retention rate, and conform to one of the following numbering systems:
   a. Flock ID tags (flock ID with Individual Animal ID on tag)
   b. Scrapie program tags
   c. Serial ID tags (State code with serials numbers and letters); or
   d. Animal Identification Number (AIN) (RFID or visual).
   e. Microchips are accepted in sheep and goats ONLY if an official iso-compliant 840 microchip has been implanted,
      i. AND the animal bears an "E" TATTOO at least 0.3" high in the ear on the side where the microchip was implanted on the back of the base of the ear where the skin joins the head, or if implanted near the base of the tail of an earless animal, an "ET" TATTOO at least 0.3" high in the tail fold.
      ii. AND the electronic implant number has been recorded on the registration certificate;
      iii. AND the animal is from a flock listed in the National Scrapie Database
      iv. AND the movement is either for exhibition purposes or other movement without a change in ownership;
      v. AND the animal will not be slaughtered;
      vi. AND the owner possesses and travels with a reader to confirm the animal's identity
2. Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian 30 days or less prior to entry, with official identification recorded on the certificate.

3. Import permit number must be recorded on the ICVI and can be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860-713-2504 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM or by email to AGR.SVCS@ct.gov.

GOATS

(See also General Requirements 1, 2, 4 above).

1. All goats must have USDA-approved official identification. It must bear the U.S. shield, be tamper resistant, have a high retention rate, and conform to one of the following numbering systems:
    a. Flock ID tags (flock ID with Individual Animal ID on tag)
    b. Scrapie program tags
    c. Serial ID tags (State code with serials numbers and letters); or
    d. Animal Identification Number (AIN) (RFID or visual).
    e. Microchips are accepted in sheep and goats ONLY if an official iso-compliant 840 microchip has been implanted,
        i. AND the animal bears an "E" TATTOO at least 0.3" high in the ear on the side where the microchip was implanted on the back of the base of the ear where the skin joins the head, or if implanted near the base of the tail of an earless animal, an "ET" TATTOO at least 0.3" high in the tail fold.
        ii. AND the electronic implant number has been recorded on the registration certificate;
        iii. AND the animal is from a flock listed in the National Scrapie Database
        iv. AND the movement is either for exhibition purposes or other movement without a change in ownership;
        v. AND the animal will not be slaughtered;
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3. Import permit number must be recorded on the ICVI and can be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860-713-2504 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM or by email to AGR.SVCS@ct.gov.
4. TUBERCULIN TEST REQUIRED:
    a. The goats must originate from a herd where they were included in a whole herd negative tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to entry ***OR*** all goats over 3 months of age must have tested negative to a tuberculin test within 30 days prior to entry.
    b. Date of test and test result must be recorded on the CVI.
    c. Animals from herds, which have, at any time been affected with tuberculosis, are not eligible for entry.
5. BRUCELLOSIS TEST REQUIRED:
    a. Goats over 3 months of age must have tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry.
    b. Date of test and test result must be recorded on the CVI.

c. Kids under 3 months of age may go on the dam's test chart if the dam was tested within the past 12 months and a copy of the results is provided.
d. Wethers are exempt from Brucellosis testing.

DOGS AND CATS

Any dog or cat imported into this state shall be accompanied by a certificate of health issued no more than 30 days prior to entry by a licensed veterinarian and approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state of its origin, stating that such dog or cat is free from clinical signs of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, and that such dog or cat is not from an area under quarantine for rabies.

Dogs or cats over 3 months of age must have proof of current rabies vaccination given by a veterinarian prior to the date of importation and must not have been exposed to rabies within the past 100 days.

Any person from another state may import any licensed dog with collar and tag and keep the same in this state for not more than thirty days without also licensing the dog with a town in Connecticut.

No person firm or corporation shall import or export for the purposes of sale or offering for sale any dog or cat under the age of eight weeks unless such dog or cat is transported with its dam and no person firm or corporation shall sell within the state any dog or cat under the age of eight weeks. Any person firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section or bringing any dog into this state from an area under quarantine for rabies shall be fined not more than $1000.

WOLVES

Wolves or wolf hybrids are illegal to import into Connecticut.

POULTRY, HATCHING EGGS and PSITTACINE BIRDS

"Poultry" means all domesticated fowl, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl and pet, zoological or psittacine birds.

Each person, firm or corporation transporting into this state any live poultry shall cause the same to be accompanied by an official health certificate from the state of exportation and a permit issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture in such form as he prescribes, provided each such permit shall state the number of live poultry in each shipment or consignment. The owner, consignee or person having the custody of any such poultry coming into this state shall, within 48 hours, after the arrival of such poultry at its destination, give notice in writing to the commissioner or his authorized agent of the arrival of such poultry, which notice shall include the date of such arrival and the number of poultry therein. Each shipment or consignment of live

poultry brought or knowingly allowed to come into the state shall be held in quarantine at its destination unless otherwise ordered by the commissioner, until he causes such poultry to be released or disposed of as herein provided. The expense of quarantine and of examinations and tests shall be paid by the owner, consignee or person having the custody of such poultry before the same is released. The commissioner may cause any of such poultry, found upon examination or test to be diseased; to be killed, and no such poultry so killed shall be sold for food except under the direction of the commissioner. No such poultry imported into this state shall be sold or offered for sale or be permitted to mingle with other poultry until the commissioner has issued a certificate authorizing the release of such poultry. All baby chicks and hatching eggs transported into the state shall be accompanied by a health certificate which certificate shall certify that such chicks or hatching eggs are from a Pullorum free flock. All psittacine birds, except budgerigars, imported into Connecticut to be offered for sale in Connecticut shall remain in quarantine pursuant to this section for a period of not less than seven days. (Sec. 22-325)

https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Regulatory/Regulatory/Pet-Bird-or-Poultry-Importation-Permit

BISON

Same as for cattle.

LLAMAS and ALPACA (CAMELIDS)

Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian 30 days or less prior to entry, with official identification recorded on the certificate.

Negative Axillary Tuberculin test within 60 days and a negative Brucellosis test (card, BAPA or Rivanol) within 30 days at 6 months of age and older, an official health certificate with permanent identification (eartag, tattoo or microchip, shipper must have reader for microchips with animals) and a import permit.

CERVIDAE

https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_490.htm#sec_26-57a

Currently only reindeer (Rangifer tarandus) may be imported into Connecticut between Thanksgiving Day of each year and ending on the immediately following New Year's Day. They must be subsequently exported out of the state no later than a week following the end of such period.

Reindeer imported into Connecticut must:

1. be individually identified with official ID in the form of a metal ear tag, legible tattoo or microchip
2. Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian 30 days or less prior to entry, with official identification recorded on the certificate.

3. Originate from a herd that is free of both tuberculosis and brucellosis, or (ii) tested negative for tuberculosis and brucellosis at least one day and not more than thirty days prior to entry into the state
4. originate from herd participating in a state chronic wasting disease monitoring program (i) not less than the prior three years if from a state or province not known to have chronic wasting disease, or (ii) not less than the prior five years if from a state or province known to have chronic wasting disease outbreaks.

RABBITS:

Domestic: See General Requirement 1
Wild: Permit Required. Call Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 860-424-3011

ZOO, FUR-BEARING AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS
Permit required. Call Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 860-424-3011

> Sec. 26-40a Possession of potentially dangerous animals. For the purposes of this section, the following shall be considered as potentially dangerous animals: the felidae, including the lion, leopard cheetah, jaguar, ocelot, jaguarundi cat, puma, lynx and bobcat; the canidae, including the wolf and coyote and the ursidae, including the black bear, grizzly bear and brown bear. No person shall possess a potentially dangerous animal. Any such animal illegally possessed may be disposed of as determined by the commissioner of environmental protection. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each offense. the provisions of this section shall not apply to municipal parks, zoos and nature centers, or museums laboratories and research facilities maintained by scientific or educational institutions or to persons possessing animals legally on or before May 23, 1983.

SEMEN AND FROZEN EMBRYOS
See General Requirements 1, 2, 4.

BIOLOGICS, MICROORGANISMS AND PARASITES
Federal and State Permits Required. Call 860-713-2504

RATITES
Pullorum and Avian Influenza testing within 30 days and a permit. An official interstate health certificate with permanent identification of each bird listed.