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## 2017 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements

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MDA Website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx>

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Order 01-2017: Order Of The Secretary Governing Auction Markets, Live Bird Markets And Other Markets Where Poultry Is Brought For Exhibition Or Sale.

### **NEW ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017:**

- 1) ALL CATTLE AND SWINE ENTERING MARYLAND FAIRS AND SHOWS MUST HAVE FOR OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) TAG.**
- 2) FOR POULTRY:**
  - a. AI TESTING INTERVAL PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO MARYLAND FAIRS AND SHOWS WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 10 DAYS TO 21 DAYS.**
  - b. PRIVATE SALES OF POULTRY WILL BE ALLOWED WITH A RECORD OF SALE MAINTAINED BY THE FAIR OR SHOW OPERATOR FOR 1 YEAR.**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor, you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as below.

Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

**LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FAILING TO MEET COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY OR REMOVED FROM THE EXHIBITION-"REJECTED".  
SEE ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY UNDER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS**



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## Requirements for Sponsors of a Livestock/Poultry Exhibition (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

1. **Notification:** Exhibit Sponsors must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Program Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of livestock or poultry no less than 60 days before the proposed event. Call 410-841-5810 to request an **EXHIBITION NOTIFICATION form** or go to MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>
2. **Reporting:** Sponsors must report to the Department any animal from the exhibition suspected of having or showing obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease and/or deaths; and exclude from the exhibition premises any animals having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA, in the form of an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT**. Call 410-841-5810 to request an **ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT form**.
3. **Records:** Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, premises location and species of all animals attending the exhibition and provide this report upon request by MDA.
4. **Exemptions:** Exemptions of this regulation may be granted. (Refer to COMAR 15.11.14.05)

## General Requirements for Exhibitors of All Animal Species (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

**Exhibitors** at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. These general requirements are summarized below. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock:** Livestock is defined as those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.

1. **DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and poultry and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by visiting MDA website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>

For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. **Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.**

2. **A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.**
  - a. **MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except Poultry, Equine and Rabbits.
    - The Maryland CVI is **valid for 120 days for fairs and shows**, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
    - The Maryland CVI is a legible record, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
    - **The Maryland CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by a Maryland accredited veterinarian using the proper selected report on the CVI form.** Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for interstate travel, fair and exhibition season, equine, sale or other (with explanation).
    - The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters **within 7 days of completion**, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
  - b. **OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an **Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**, except Poultry and Rabbits, or equine originating from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia or West Virginia (equine coming from these states must have a valid Equine Infectious Anemia test report to enter).
    - The Interstate CVI is **valid for no more than 30 days** from the date of inspection.
    - An **Interstate CVI must be legible**, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.



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3. **SELF CERTIFICATION:** A completed *Self Certification* is required for all entries except for equine entering equine only events.
  - *Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading* and presented upon request to the designated representative.
  - A *Self Certification* is an official Maryland document **signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter** stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases.
  - *Self Certification forms* are specie specific for livestock (ruminants, swine), equine, poultry and rabbits. These forms are available on MDA's website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>
4. **TEST REPORT FORMS.** Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See Species specific Requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.

Examples of test reports are shown below:

  - Avian Influenza Testing Report
  - Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report
  - Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)
  - Tuberculosis Test Report
5. **MARYLAND POULTRY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION** – All Maryland premises with poultry are required to be registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Poultry Premise number must be noted on the Test Report or other documentation of Pullorum Typhoid and Avian Influenza NPIP Clean or State H5/H7 Monitored status.
6. **ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY.** Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:
  - a. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION IS GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.**
  - b. **A SKIN LESION SUSPICIOUS OF RINGWORM TO BE CONSIDERED NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE, NEW WOOL OR HAIR MUST COMPLETELY COVER THAT LESION.**
  - c. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, prolapse, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
  - d. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.
  - e. Exposed animals may be rejected: If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.
  - f. All decisions are final.
  - g. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.
  - h. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees or individuals designated by the fair or show as a 'responsible person'.

## Species Specific Requirements

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown for the following species:

- Cattle
- Swine
- Sheep
- Goats
- Horses, Ponies, Mules and other Equidae
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Camelids



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## **Fair and Show Requirements: Cattle**

### **ALL CATTLE**

**IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE A RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.**

#### ***Maryland Cattle***

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

**Immunization:** Bovine Respiratory Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis is recommended.

#### ***Out-of-State Cattle***

##### **Brucellosis:**

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. No brucellosis test required
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. Be official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI, or
  - b. Be tested negative within 30 days before entry

##### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

## **Fair and Show Requirements: Swine**

### **ALL SWINE**

**IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE A RFID OFFICIAL EAR TAG.**

#### ***Maryland Swine***

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland swine.

**Immunization:** Leptospirosis is recommended.

#### ***Out-of-State Swine***

**Brucellosis:** All swine, except barrows, 6 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, *or* originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd or brucellosis-free state.

**Pseudorabies:** Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative to an official test for Pseudorabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, *or* originate immediately and directly from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd or Stage 4 or Stage 5 Pseudorabies Free State.

**Immunization:** Leptospirosis is recommended.



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## **Fair and Show Requirements: Sheep and Goats**

### **ALL SHEEP**

**Identification for Sheep:** All sheep must be identified with USDA-approved Scrapie ear tags.

#### ***Out-of-State Sheep***

No additional requirements.

#### ***Market Lambs***

It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.

### **ALL GOATS**

**Identification for Goats:** All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for goats includes the following:

1. USDA-approved Scrapie ear tags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

#### ***Maryland Goats***

**Brucellosis:** Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

**Tuberculosis:** Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats.

#### ***Out-of-State Goats***

##### **Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone: No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Goats must originate from herds in which all animals are tested negative within past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate

## **Fair and Show Requirements: Horses, Ponies, Mules and Other Equidae**

### **ALL EQUINE**

Identification: Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable: EIA test report with photo or drawing of the animal, tattoo, brand or microchip. *Animals using tattoos or brands for official identification must be accompanied with the breed registration papers.*

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Testing: All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

Self Certification Requirement and Exemption: *Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health* is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.



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## *Maryland Equine*

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. A Maryland CVI is not required for Maryland equine.

## *Out-of-State Equine*

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
3. The following contiguous states and New Jersey are exempted from the CVI requirement: Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

## **Fair and Show Requirements: Poultry**

### ***ALL POULTRY***

1. **PRIVATE SALES WILL BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF THE SALE BY THE EXHIBITION OPERATOR AND MAINTAINED FOR ONE YEAR.**
2. WATERFOWL WILL BE ALLOWED INTO FAIRS AND SHOWS.
3. WILD BIRD DISPLAYS OR POULTRY ZOOS WILL BE ALLOWED.
4. EGGS MUST BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED.
5. IDENTIFICATION: Poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
6. ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS SHALL COMPLETE A *POULTRY EXHIBITOR'S SELF-CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH*.
7. **TESTING REQUIREMENTS:** All poultry for exhibition **including wild bird displays or poultry in petting zoos** shall meet the requirements for Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Influenza testing as detailed below.
  - a. **Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements:** All poultry except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
    - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, OR
    - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.
  - b. **Avian Influenza Testing Requirements:** All poultry **including wild birds** except pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
    - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
    - ii. Have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) within **21 days** prior to event and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
8. **DOCUMENTATION** of test results must be provided on MDA-E06 and MDA - E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form approved by the State Veterinarian.

## ***Maryland Poultry***

**Premise Registration: All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.**

## ***Out-of-State Poultry***

No additional requirements.



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## Fair and Show Requirements: Rabbits

### ***ALL RABBITS***

1. See 2017 Rabbit Waiver: Rabbits are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a tag, tattoo or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.
3. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

### ***Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits***

No additional requirements.

## Fair and Show Requirements: Camelids

### ***ALL CAMELIDS***

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official metal ear tag or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.

### ***Maryland Camelids***

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids. Tuberculosis: Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.

### ***Out-Of-State Camelids***

**Brucellosis:** Brucellosis testing is not required for out-of-state camelids.

**Tuberculosis:**

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All camelids over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Camelids must originate from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

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