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2015 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements

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New Policy:

MAY 8, 2015: THESE REGULATIONS ARE BEING REISSUED MAY 8, 2015 FOR CHANGES IN AVIAN INFLUENZA TESTING REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING ALL POULTRY AT EXHIBITONS IN MARYLAND.

- 1) NO WATERFOWL WILL BE ALLOWED INTO FAIRS AND SHOWS.**
- 2) ALL POULTRY MUST BE TESTED FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA, IN STATE AND OUT OF STATE, within 10 days prior to entry, or originate directly from an NPIP Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored flock, due to the increasing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, currently in the Mid-West and Pacific United States.**

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 Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition - "REJECTED". See **Animal Health Rejection Policy** under General Requirements for details.

In 2015, there will be a continuation of 2014 of Federal and State Animal Identification requirements.

All animals except rabbits must have "Official Identification" to enter exhibitions.

In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise. Official Identification criteria and examples are provided at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/materials.shtml>. These requirements specifically affect:

- 1. Swine:** *Recognized breed ear notches or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions. Swine must have tags bearing official identification.*
- 2. Cattle:** *Brands or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions for cattle. Animals must have a tag with official identification*
- 3. Sheep and Goats:** *All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep and goats include the following:*



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- a. *USDA-approved eartags;*
- b. *Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or*
- c. *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. CVIs must be submitted by veterinarians to the Maryland Department of Agriculture within 5 working days of inspection.

Official identification tags may be requested from the Maryland Department of Agriculture by calling 410-841-5810 or emailing animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov.

To receive official sheep and goat ear tags or devices for interstate movement: Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824) to be connected to your local Veterinary Services Area Office and request that a premises identification number and Flock ID be assigned to your flock.

Other Continued Policies

- There is no requirement for review, approval and stamping of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to the animals going to the fair, show or exhibition.
- Veterinarians completing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must fill out these forms completely, accurately, and legibly and include official identification information on the CVIs. Repeated failure to comply with requirements for CVI completion is grounds for loss of Accreditation. Only the examining veterinarian may sign CVIs. CVIs must be submitted to the Maryland Department of Agriculture within 5 working days of inspection.
- Falsification or altering of information on Certificates of Veterinary Inspection is illegal and subject to fines up to \$10,000 (Agriculture Title 3 §3-118).

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

1. Notification: Notification shall be made to the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Section Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of animals at least 60 days before the proposed event. Click here to download the Notification Form for Livestock/Poultry Exhibition.
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 animal having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA upon request, in the form of an "After Action Report".
3. Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, number 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)



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

Exhibitor Requirements: 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 requirements are summarized below.

Requirements Apply to All Livestock: Livestock - means those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but 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 is described below.** Examples of forms can be obtained by clicking on links. For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements.

Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Definition: a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being imported to or exported from this state within 30 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it describes which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.

Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Definition: a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, 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 that state. In Maryland, this document is good for entire show season (Jan 1-Dec 31).

Self Certification Definition: a 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. See species specific requirement for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.

Test Report Forms - Testing is required for some species. Examples are shown below:
Avian Influenza Testing Report
Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report
Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)

Maryland Poultry Premises Identification - All premises with poultry are required to be registered in Maryland.

- 2. 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 not limited to; active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
- 3. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.**
- 4. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, except Equine, Poultry and Rabbits.** The Intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season (Jan 1 - Dec. 31), providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.



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- 5. The Intrastate CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form.** The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, 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.
- 6. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.** An APPROVED copy of this certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
- 7. Each animal must be properly identified on the Intrastate or Interstate CVI.**
- 8. Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading** and presented upon request to the designated representative.
- 9. ANIMAL HEALTH REJECTION POLICY**

Animal rejections for health reasons can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Cooperative Extension employees or individuals designated by fair or show 'responsible person'. 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. 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. All decisions are final. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections and the exhibitor is responsible for removal of the animal(s) from the grounds immediately.

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

General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official ear tag. Brands or tattoos will not be accepted as official identification.

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.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Swine

Maryland Swine

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

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

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

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

SHEEP

All Sheep:

General Requirements

Identification for Sheep: All sheep must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep include the following:

1. USDA-approved eartags;
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 and 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.

GOATS

All Goats:

General Requirements

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

1. USDA-approved eartags;
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



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- 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

General Requirements

Identification: Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable; name, registration number, tattoo or brand, breed, age, sex, color and markings if present. *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.

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 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.



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Fair and Show Requirements: Poultry

All Poultry

General Requirements

1. NO Waterfowl will be allowed into Fairs and Shows.
2. Identification: All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
3. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a *Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.
4. Testing: All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Influenza testing as detailed below.
5. Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
 - b. 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.
6. Avian Influenza Testing Requirements. All poultry except pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from a U.S. Avian Influenza 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
 - b. Have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) within 10 days prior to event and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
7. Documentation of test results must be provided on MDA - E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.

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

General Requirements

1. See 2015 Rabbit Waiver: Rabbits are not required to have an Interstate or Intrastate CVI.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a 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

General Requirements

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: All Camelids, including castrates, 6 months or older, shall meet at least one of the following requirements to be eligible for exhibition:

1. Originate directly from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which all animals have tested negative for tuberculosis within the past 12 months; or
2. Have a negative individual Tuberculin test documented within 60 days of exhibition.