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## Effective Immediately Updates to Maryland Import Requirements d/t Texas New World Screwworm Detection

**Import Requirements:** Except where more stringent requirements are adopted herein, all animals being imported into Maryland from a high-risk area must meet the requirements for the prevention of disease located in MD Code, Agriculture, [Title 3, Regulation of Livestock and Poultry](#).

**All warm-blooded animals, including dogs, cats, and birds** originating from the state of Texas must be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) issued within 72 hours of movement. Hatching and table eggs are exempt from these requirements.

- The OCVI must document that all animals listed on the OCVI have been inspected and found free of contagious and infectious disease and pests, including New World Screwworm (NWS).
- No alternative movement documents, such as an NPIP 9-3, will be accepted in lieu of an OCVI.
- The OCVI must contain a statement from the accredited veterinarian attesting that:

***“All animals listed on the OCVI have been examined within 72 hours of movement and none have been found to have a wound infested, or potentially infested, with New World Screwworm.”***
- All warm-blooded animals that have wounds that are **not infested** with NWS larvae can be imported into Maryland provided that the following requirements are met:
  - Any animal with a wound must be treated with a [product](#) listed as having an approved, conditionally approved, or emergency use authorization (EUA) for NWS by FDA.
  - The effective treatment for NWS must be administered in accordance with the following:

- Oral or injected treatments must be administered no less than 12 hours prior to entry into Maryland.
- Topical treatments must be administered no less than 72 hours prior to entry into Maryland.
- The wound location and treatment must be documented on the OCVI.
- **No warm-blooded animals with NWS infestation are allowed to be imported into Maryland.**

The MDA Animal Health program will continue to monitor detections in Texas and will amend or lift these import requirements as appropriate.