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To whom it may Concern:

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Program has decided to stop accepting as an official Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) the APHIS-VS form 7001 for small animals entering Maryland.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2019, APHIS Form 7001 "*United States Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals*" is no longer approved for interstate movement of small animals into Maryland by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). Please be aware that numerous other states are no longer accepting the online-only form due to its free access to the public for downloading off the internet without any accountability as to who uses the form.

This notice will be posted to our website:

<https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx>

An Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) is an official document issued by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals destined for interstate movement were healthy at the time of the veterinary inspection. For Maryland accredited veterinarians, the MDA E-19 "*Certificate of Veterinary Inspection*" is accepted by other states for small animals. Maryland Accredited Veterinarians can obtain this ICVI by calling the MDA Animal Health Program's main office at 410-841-5810. However, Accredited Veterinarians should always check with the state of designation before issuing an ICVI to ensure that all its requirements are met. Most states now will accept electronic ICVIs, too.

For international travel, please check the USDA website for information about the export requirements needed for the movement of pets to other countries:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

Sincerely,

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