



# State Regulations for Maryland

## Health Requirements Governing the Admission of Animals

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Animal Disease Prevention Division

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### **\*\*\* GENERAL REQUIREMENTS \*\*\***

Livestock and poultry imported into the State of Maryland shall meet Maryland interstate regulations and be accompanied by an approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or permit.

#### A. Permits (Written Permission)

1. When needed: Any animal, including poultry or birds of any species, which does not meet the import regulations as set forth below, may be moved into Maryland only if granted written permission (permit).
2. Where obtained: Application for such permits must be made in writing by the person wishing to import the animal(s) to the Animal Health Program, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD. 21401, Telephone: 410-841-5810, at least 10 days before the anticipated movement.
3. Conditions: Special permits are granted only at the discretion of the Chief, Animal Health Section and animals so imported are subject to quarantine and such testing as Chief may prescribe at the owner's risk and expense. Permits are void after 30 days.

#### B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

#### **Please complete ALL of the following:**

- a) Name and address of consignor and consignee.
  - b) Origin of livestock.
  - c) Accurate description or identification of livestock.
  - d) Appropriate dates and descriptions, by name, of current disease tests specifically required.
  - e) Status of herd of origin when required.
  - f) Dated statement by the approved veterinarian certifying that upon physical examination the livestock are free from any evidence of an infectious, parasitic or transmissible disease and have not recently been exposed to the same.
1. Definition: An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is a legible certificate made on an official form issued and approved by the chief Animal Health official of the state of origin or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
  2. Who may prepare: Certificates of Veterinary Inspection shall be prepared by veterinarians in the employ of the state of origin, by those in the Veterinary Services, U. S. Department of Agriculture, by accredited veterinarians. The veterinarians must be approved by the recognized Animal Health official of the state of origin.  
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3. How used:

- a) A hard copy or electronic of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection should be sent to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Program from the official animal health department state of origin , No faxed copies will be accepted
- b) Another copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection stays with the issuing veterinarian and one shall be given to the owner to accompany the animal.
- c) Certificates shall be void after 30 days.

C. Exceptions

1. Immediate Slaughter: Apparently healthy livestock and poultry may be imported into the state without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection provided they are accompanied by a waybill and consigned for immediate slaughter to a recognized public stockyard where Federal or State veterinary inspection is maintained, or shipped to slaughtering establishment or center that is approved and designated by the Veterinary Services, U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Director, Division of Animal Industries, Maryland Department of Agriculture. Such livestock shall be slaughtered within 10 days after arrival at destination except when this period is extended by special permit from Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Section.
2. Any other exceptions will be found under the species involved.

D. Sanitation of Conveyances and Stockyards:

1. All trucks, railway cars and other conveyances, used for the transportation of livestock and poultry, shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.
2. Owners and operators of conveyances that have been used for movement of livestock or poultry infected with, or exposed to, an infectious or transmissible disease shall obtain a certificate to be attached to the waybill or in the operator's possession stating that the conveyance and affected enclosures have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected under official supervision.
3. Stockyards and Auctions: No livestock approved for entry into Maryland as free from tuberculosis, brucellosis, or other infectious disease shall be assembled, handled or confined in any public stockyard, livestock auction, sales stable or yard, unless they are properly segregated in thoroughly cleaned disinfected pens to prevent their exposure to infected livestock or premises.

**\*\*\* CATTLE \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements

B. Brucellosis: Cattle, Bison and Goats including young animals for dairy, feeding, breeding or exhibition purposes.

1. From Certified Brucellosis Free States - no test required
2. Cattle, bison & goats from all states not Certified Brucellosis Free
  - a) From Certified Brucellosis Free herds - no test required.
  - b) From herds tested within 12 months, or from herds which have two (2) negative milk ring tests and no intervening positive milk ring tests within 12 months of entry - no test required.
  - c) All other imported animals (except official vaccinates\* under 20 months and animals\*\* under 6 months of age) must be negative to an official Brucellosis test within thirty (30) days of the date of entry.  
\*Certificate of Veterinary Inspection of official vaccinates shall contain a statement of vaccination, the date and age when vaccinated.  
\*\*Certificates of Veterinary Inspection covering calves under 6 months of age shall identify Tuberculosis and Brucellosis status of the herd and area in which the calves originate.



C. Tuberculosis: Cattle, Bison & Goats may be imported into Maryland without testing provided they originate from herds in tuberculosis Free states. The following is also acceptable:

1. From Tuberculosis Free Accredited herds - no test required.
2. From herds in which all animals are tested negative within past 12 months - no test required. Progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test. Identification of animals under one (1) year old must be given.
3. Negative tuberculin test within (60) days prior to entry. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.
4. Exceptions:
  - a) Animals which originate directly or indirectly from herds where infection with Mycobacterium bovis has been known to exist within the past three (3) years may not be imported except for immediate slaughter.
  - b) Castrates from herds not under quarantine may be imported without tuberculin test upon special permit (see General) provided they are maintained separate and apart from dairy and breeding cattle.

D. For Bison also see Zoo, Fur-Bearing, & Other Wild Animals, B&C.

**\*\*\* HORSES & OTHER EQUIDAE \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements

B. Equine Infectious Anemia Requirements: All horses over 9 months of age entering the State of Maryland shall be negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia made within 12 months prior to entry, and all horses shall be accompanied by proof of said test.

**Note:** Except as exempted, a copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Animal Health Program, Maryland Department of Agriculture before the arrival of animals at destination.

**\*\*\* HOGS \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements

B. All feeder and breeder swine except swine consigned to slaughter entering Maryland from any state must be accompanied by a permit issued prior to shipment by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

C. If not ear tagged or tattooed, swine shall be identified by registered name and number and a description sufficient to identify animal.

D. All swine imported to Maryland farms are subject to at least thirty (30) days quarantine and possible inspection.

E. Brucellosis Requirements: Breeding swine subject to following:

**Swine over 6 months of age except barrows must:**

- a) Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis Free herd tested within one (1) year of shipment - no test required.
  - b) Originate directly from a Validated Brucellosis Free State - no test required, or
  - c) Be negative to an official test for swine brucellosis conducted within thirty (30) days of shipment.
- Information regarding the brucellosis test status of the imported swine and/or the herd of origin shall be entered on the interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.



F. Pseudorabies Requirements:

**Breeding swine:**

- a) Direct shipment from a Stage IV or V State/Area - no test required.
- b) Direct shipment from a qualified pseudorabies-negative herd in any State/Area - no test required, or
- c) Negative official pseudorabies serological test within 30 days prior to shipment with quarantine, isolation, and retest at destination in 30-60 days following importation.

**Feeder pigs:**

- a) Direct shipment from a farm of origin or a market in a Stage IV or V State/Area - no test required.
- b) Direct shipment from a farm of origin in a Stage III State/Area if from a feeder-pig-monitored herd - no test required.
- c) Direct shipment from a qualified pseudorabies-negative feeder-pig-monitored herd in Stage II States under the following conditions:

1. That the swine originate from an approved feeder pig market or direct from a qualified-negative (QN) herd, or a feeder-pig-monitored (FPM) herd.
2. That the swine be quarantined until they are sent to slaughter.

G. Healthy swine, accompanied by proper Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, temporarily in the State for exhibition purposes must meet all the preceding requirements except D.

**\*\*\* SHEEP \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements

B. Flock Health Status. The official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall indicate that an examination of the flock of origin, not more than thirty (30) days prior to entry, revealed no symptoms of scabies, contagious ecthyma, footrot, or any other infectious or communicable diseases.

**\*\*\* DOGS, CATS & FERRETS \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements

B. Rabies: Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must also include statement that dogs, cats, and ferrets:

1. Did not originate within an area under quarantine for rabies, and
2. By reasonable investigation, have not been exposed to rabies within six (6) months prior to importation, and
3. Have been treated (except puppies and kittens under four (4) months of age) with at least one injection of approved rabies vaccine in accordance with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Control (Nat. Assoc. of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.)

C. Exceptions:

1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required for dogs entering the state temporarily for exhibition purposes, provided the above stated health requirements have been fulfilled.
2. Dogs and cats consigned directly to research facilities and/or licensed dealers as defined by Federal Law No. PL89-544 are exempted from provision of this regulation.

**\*\*\* PSITTACINE BIRDS \*\*\***

See General Requirements



**\*\*\* POULTRY & HATCHING EGGS \*\*\***

A. Imported poultry, except poultry imported for immediate slaughter, must be tested negative for pullorum and typhoid within 90 days of importation or originate from U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks. On request from the Department, VS Form 9-3 or VS Form 9-2 or its equivalent shall accompany shipments. Poultry known to be infected with pullorum or typhoid which is shipped into Maryland for immediate slaughter shall be labeled by the consignor.

B. Imported poultry must be tested negative for Avian Influenza within 21 days of importation or originate from a U. S. Avian Influenza Clean Flock or equivalent State Monitored Flock. On request from the Department, VS Form 9-3 or VS Form 9-2 or its equivalent shall accompany shipments.

C. Imported hatching eggs shall originate from U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks. On request from the Department, NPIP Form 15 or its equivalent shall accompany shipments.

D. All exhibitors must show proof that poultry originated from a U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock or have been tested negative for Pullorum-Typhoid not more than (90) days prior to entry of the exhibition, and proof that poultry originated from a US Avian Influenza Clean Flock or have been tested negative within 21 days of entry. Proof is documented on VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Junior 4-H exhibitors of broiler stock only can substitute the above with either MDA-E-19 Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Testing must be completed before arrival at exhibition.

**\*\*\* CAMELIDS (LLAMAS, ALPACAS, ETC.) \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements.

B. Tuberculosis: All camelids six (6) months of age and over, including castrates must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Originate directly from an accredited herd or a TB Free State; or
2. Have a negative tuberculin test within (60) days of entry.

**\*\*\* ELK, DEER, ANTELOPE, & MOOSE \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements.

B. Brucellosis: Negative test within 30 days prior to entry.

C. Tuberculosis: Negative test within 60 days prior to entry.

D. Permit from the Wildlife Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (410) 974-3195.

E. Also see Zoo, Fur-Bearing, & Other Wild Animals.

**\*\*\* RABBITS \*\*\***

See General Requirements



**\*\*\* ZOO, FUR-BEARING, & OTHER WILD ANIMALS \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements.

B. Wild and semi-wild animals under domestication or in custody may be imported provided that a report giving the number of animals is made to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Program within 72 hours after arrival. Opportunity for examination must be afforded a representative of this agency to determine health status of such animals.

C. Permit from the Wildlife Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (410) 260-8546.

**\*\*\* RATITES \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements.

B. The following is required:

1. Negative, official tests for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid and Avian Influenza within 30 days of entry must be shown on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Individual identification.
3. Permit number recorded on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Can be obtained by calling (410) 841-5810 from 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**\*\*\* SEMEN, FROZEN EMBRYOS & RECIPIENTS OF EMBRYO TRANSFERS \*\*\***

A. See General Requirements.

B. Donor animals (sire & dam) of both frozen embryos and embryo transfers must meet all requirements of same species.

C. Recipients of embryo transfers must meet all requirements of same species.

**\*\*\* BIOLOGICS, MICROORGANISMS, & PARASITES \*\*\***

See General Requirements

**\*\*\* EMERGENCY PROVISIONS \*\*\***

See General Requirements.