
RULES OF EXHIBITION

As Required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Accredited Veterinarian. A veterinarian licensed in the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative-state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) § 161 (2005).
- (2) Animal(s). This term shall include:
 - (a) Livestock including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hoofed animals;
 - (b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;
 - (c) Poultry or Domestic fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes; and
 - (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of Florida.
- (3) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.
- (4) Commercial Production Swine. Swine that have been subjected to and found negative on an annual brucellosis and pseudorabies test and have been continuously managed with adequate facilities and practices to prevent exposure to either transitional or feral swine and so recognized by state animal health officials.
- (5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.
- (6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra or other equidae.
- (7) Isolation. Separation of individual animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another animal.
- (8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals that all go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.
- (9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form from the state of origin or from the USDA, or a Department-approved electronic format, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the state of origin for the purpose of certifying the official individual identification, test requirements, and health status of specific animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.
- (10) Official Individual Identification. A form of unique individual animal identification including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Official Ear tags. Must be tamper-resistant/tamper evident, approved by APHIS, capable of providing a unique identification number for each animal, and capable of being recorded in a central repository. Such ear tags must conform to one of the numbering or tagging systems approved by the USDA, APHIS, VS in 9 C.F.R. § 71.1.
 - (b) Ear, tail-web or flank tattoos, approved by

APHIS; breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers; or an official brand when accompanied by a brand registration certificate;

(c) Official leg or wing bands for poultry;

(d) Color digital images or notarized color photographs of the animal, signed by a state-licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian; or

(e) Implanted electronic chips with a unique number that is recorded in a single, central database.

(11) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(12) Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites (limited to ostriches, emus and rheas) and waterfowl that are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes.

(13) Segregated. To maintain a group of animals separate from another group of animals in such a manner as to prevent physical contact between animals of the two groups.

(14) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. § 71.1 (2005) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office,

Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP,
Washington, D.C. 20402-9328.

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5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days, except that, for equine imported into Florida using a current Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entered in market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required official individual identification of the animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

- (c) Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.
- (5) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.
 - (a) Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or
 - (b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or
 - (c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:
 - 1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
 - 2. Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA accredited veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.
- (6) Forms. Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, is hereby incorporated by reference.

Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800. History—New 6-21-06.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

- (1) OCVI Required.
 - (a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.
 - (b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.
- (2) Test or Certification Required.
 - (a) Tuberculosis.
 - 1. Florida-origin cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test.
 - 2. Imported dairy cattle may be entered for exhibition provided they have a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition; except that, dairy cattle from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds originating in Tuberculosis-Free States, are exempt from this test requirement.
 - 3. Imported beef cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test provided they originate from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States or Herds. Otherwise, they must meet the requirements in subparagraph 5C-4.002(2)(a)2., F.A.C.
 - (b) Brucellosis.
 - 1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.
 - 2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.
 - a. Steers and spayed heifers; and
 - b. Cattle or bison originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or a Brucellosis Class Free State or Area which when certified, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test; and
 - c. Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A State or Area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age. History—Last Amended 6-21-06.