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This document includes requirements for Department-sponsored exhibitions. The management of individual exhibitions may adopt requirements which are more stringent than those of the Department, and all exhibitors are encouraged to check with the management of each exhibition in advance to ensure compliance with all requirements of each exhibition.

In addition to these animal health requirements, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends that exhibitors of all animals, including those for commercial exhibit, discuss the health of their animals, including vaccine recommendations, with a veterinarian on a regular basis.

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Section 1: Equine Animals:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test results and date of the test must be included on the CVI.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. All equine animals must have tested negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. A copy of the official test results must accompany each animal to its final destination. Foals less than 6 months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Section 2: Pennsylvania Poultry, Waterfowl, Upland Game Birds, Ratites, and Pigeons:

Requirements:

1. All Pennsylvania poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and pigeons entering an exhibition must bear a unique individual identification leg band (official state-issued leg bands are not required). Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader).
2. An owner-endorsed health certificate must accompany all Pennsylvania poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites, and pigeons, and must include the following:
 - Name and location of exhibition; and
 - Name, address, and telephone number of the owner; and

- A statement that their entries and their flock of origin are free of evidence of contagious diseases; and
 - Owner signature and date of that signature; and
 - **Verification of testing for AI and Pullorum.**
3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
4. Avian Influenza Clean Testing and Verification (all samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian):
- All poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites, (***pigeons excluded***) for exhibition must originate from a flock in good standing in the Pennsylvania Avian Influenza Monitored Flock program, or from a flock in good standing in the NPIP Avian Influenza Clean program;
- OR**
- The birds must originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested negative for avian influenza within the 6 months prior to opening date of the exhibition and the birds are accompanied by the test report. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. ***For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing, and the swabs must be tested using virus isolation techniques.***
5. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (***pigeons and waterfowl excluded***). (All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian):
- All poultry, upland game birds, and ratites (***pigeons and waterfowl excluded***) must originate from a flock in good standing in the NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Program or from a flock in good standing in the PA Pullorum Equivalent Program;
- OR**
- Individual birds (***pigeons and waterfowl excluded***) for exhibition must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The following age restrictions apply to comply with NPIP standards:
 - Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
 - Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
 - Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
 - All birds not meeting these age restrictions are exempt from pullorum testing requirements.

Section 3: Out of State Poultry, Waterfowl, Upland Game Birds, Ratites, and Pigeons:

Requirements:

1. All poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and pigeons entering an exhibition must bear an individual identification leg band. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader).

2. An owner-endorsed health certificate must accompany all out of state poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites, and pigeons, and must include the following:
 - Name and location of exhibit; and
 - Name, address, and telephone number of the owner; and
 - A statement that their entries and their flock of origin are free of evidence of contagious diseases; and
 - Owner signature and date of that signature; and
 - **Verification of testing for AI and Pullorum.**

3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.

4. Avian Influenza Clean Testing and Verification (all samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian): Poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites (**pigeons excluded**) shall only be allowed into the Commonwealth and the exhibition after meeting one of the following requirements:
 - The birds originate from a flock in good standing in the NPIP Avian Influenza Clean program and the shipment is accompanied by a USDA form 9-3 or equivalent form;

OR

 - The birds originate from a flock that participates in an equivalent avian influenza monitoring program and the shipment is accompanied by a document from the state, nation, or province of origin indicating participation;

OR

 - The birds originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested negative for avian influenza within the 30 days prior to opening date of the exhibition and the birds are accompanied by the test report. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. **For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing, and the swabs must be tested using virus isolation techniques.**

5. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (**pigeons and waterfowl excluded**). (All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian):
 - All poultry, upland game birds, and ratites (**pigeons and waterfowl excluded**) must come from NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks;

OR

 - Individual birds (**pigeons and waterfowl excluded**) for exhibition must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The following age restrictions apply to comply with NPIP standards:
 - Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
 - Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
 - Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
 - Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.

- All birds not meeting these age restrictions must come from a flock in which all of the birds in the flock have been test negative within the 90 days prior to the exhibition.

Section 4: Pennsylvania Swine:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual animal ID is required. ID options include the following:
 - A form of official ID (herd tattoo *in combination with* an ear notch; or a state issued metal ear tag; or an ISO-compliant Radio Frequency Identification tag);
or
 - A plastic stamped ear tag.

Section 5: Out of State Swine:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - A herd tattoo *in combination with* an ear notch; or
 - A state issued metal ear tag; or
 - An ISO-compliant Radio Frequency Identification tag.
5. Brucellosis Testing Requirements:
 - No brucellosis test is required if the animal originates from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Swine Herd. If from a Validated Herd, the herd number and date of last test must be included on the CVI.

- If not originating from a Validated Herd, out of state swine must be negative to a brucellosis test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition, and the negative results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a copy of the test report.
6. Pseudorabies Testing Requirements:
- No pseudorabies test is required if the animal originates from a Qualified Pseudorabies-negative Swine Herd. A Qualified Pseudorabies-negative Herd shall not be construed to mean every swine herd from a Stage V state, but only those herds in compliance with individual herd testing plans. If from a Qualified Herd, the herd number and date of last test must be included on the CVI.
 - If not originating from a Qualified Herd, out of state swine must be negative to a pseudorabies test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition, and the negative results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a copy of the test report.

Section 6: Pennsylvania Cattle:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - A state-issued metal ear tag; or
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
 - A state-registered tattoo.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Section 7: Out of State Cattle:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - A state-issued metal ear tag; or
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
 - A state-registered tattoo.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
6. For Brucellosis and TB Testing Requirements, call Dr. Tony LaBarbera or Mr. Ron Miller at 717-772-2852.

Section 8: Goats:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - A scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or

- A scrapie tattoo. Goats with an official scrapie tattoo must also have a unique individual animal ID (tattoo) to meet the scrapie ID requirement; or
- Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

Section 9: Sheep:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
 - A scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
 - A scrapie tattoo with individual animal ID (tattoo); or
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag.
5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (*market sheep are exempt from this vaccination requirement*). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated sheep must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Section 10: Pennsylvania Rabbits:

Requirements:

1. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany all PA rabbits, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.

Section 11: Out of State Rabbits:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

Section 12: Pennsylvania Camelids:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
 - A state-registered tattoo; or
 - An electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader); or
 - An official state-issued metal ear tag.

Section 13: Out of State Camelids:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

4. Identification Requirements: Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
 - A state-registered tattoo; or
 - An electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader); or
 - An official state-issued metal ear tag.
5. For Brucellosis and TB Testing Requirements, call Dr. Tony LaBarbera or Mr. Ron Miller at 717-772-2852.

Section 14: Pennsylvania Cervids for Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
3. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
 - A state-registered tattoo; or
 - An electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader); or
 - An official state-issued metal ear tag.
5. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD):
All CWD-susceptible species captive herds must be enrolled in the Pennsylvania CWD-certified Program to be eligible for exhibition. Verification of CWD-certified Program participation must accompany the animal. **Animals on the Pennsylvania Monitored Herd Program are *not* eligible for exhibition.**

Section 15: Out of State Cervids for Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition:

Requirements:

1. **All cervid species:** A written import permit is required from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Call Mary Martin at 717-783-8300, ext. 201, between 8 AM and 4 PM weekdays.
2. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition is required.

3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on the CVI). Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.
4. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship* (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
5. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - An ISO-compliant RFID tag; or
 - A state-registered tattoo; or
 - An electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader); or
 - An official state-issued metal ear tag.
6. Brucellosis Testing Requirements (Cervids 12 months of age and older are test-eligible):
 - If the animal is from a Brucellosis Certified-free Herd, no further testing is required. The date of the most recent herd test and test results must be included on the CVI.
 - If the animal is from a Brucellosis Monitored Herd, it must be brucellosis test negative within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The date of the most recent test and test results must be included on the CVI.
 - If the animal is from a herd with no brucellosis status, it must be brucellosis test negative within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The date of the test and the test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a copy of the test report.
7. Tuberculosis Testing Requirements (Cervids of any age are test-eligible):
 - If the animal is from a Tuberculosis Accredited Herd, no further testing is required. The date of the test and test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a copy of the test report.
 - If the animal is from a Tuberculosis Monitored or Qualified Herd, it must be tuberculosis test negative within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The date of the most recent test and the test results must be included on the CVI.
 - If the animal is from a herd with no tuberculosis status, it must be test negative on two consecutive tuberculosis tests conducted at least 90 days apart, with the last test conducted within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The date of the tests and test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by copies of the test reports.
8. Chronic Wasting Disease:
 - Cervids to be imported shall originate from a herd with at least three years of participation in a Department-approved CWD Monitoring Program if from a state or province not known to have CWD in wild or captive cervids. Verification of program participation must accompany the animal; or
 - Cervids to be imported shall originate from a herd with at least five years of participation in a Department-approved CWD Monitoring Program if from a

state or province which is known to have CWD in wild or captive cervids. Verification of program participation must accompany the animal.

Section 16: Dogs for Exhibition:

Requirements:

1. A current rabies vaccination is required for all exhibition dogs three months of age and older. All vaccine label directions must be followed.
2. All rabies vaccinated dogs must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate. The certificate must contain legible name, contact information, and signature of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds.