

## **2010 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION IN MARYLAND**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Section continues to improve the safety of all animals exhibited at our Maryland fairs and shows by using Exhibitor Self-Certification. This form is to be completed by ALL exhibitors. This form can be found on the MDA website or for livestock exhibitors on the reverse side of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). The Exhibitor's Self-Certification shall be filled out by the owner/caretaker prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official. This requirement applies to both Maryland and out-of-state exhibitors.

1. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an approved Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show; except Equine, Poultry and Rabbits.
2. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of the certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The interstate (CVI) is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
3. Each animal must be properly identified on the intrastate or interstate CVI.
4. All animals will be inspected for general health upon arrival. Those showing clinical signs of ANY contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the show or fair. In such cases, the health certificate may be modified, suspended or revoked.
5. The CVI for Maryland exhibitors must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of the first exhibition. The exhibitor should have the completed CVI form approved and stamped by the Animal Health headquarters office or a MDA Regional Diagnostic Laboratory. Record the date of the first event you expect to attend on the form.
6. The approved intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
7. Where immunization is recommended or required it must be done in conformity with standard procedures and practices consistent with the development of immunity PRIOR to the show or fair.

### **CATTLE, GOATS AND CAMELIDS**

1. In addition to general requirements above, all cattle must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number.

2. All goats, regardless of age or sex must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a fair or show.
  - a. **TUBERCULOSIS**—Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for tuberculosis for shows in Maryland.
  - b. **BRUCELLOSIS**—Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for brucellosis for shows in Maryland.
  - c. **IMMUNIZATION**—Cattle; Bovine Respiratory Complex to include: Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis, and Parainfluenza - **Required**  
Leptospirosis - **Recommended**

## **SWINE**

1. In addition to General requirements above, all swine must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number.
  - a. **IMMUNIZATION**—Leptospirosis – Recommended

## **SHEEP**

1. All sheep, regardless of age or sex, must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a Maryland fair or show.
2. In addition to the general requirements for individual sheep, the entire flock must be inspected for the presence of contagious or infectious diseases by an accredited veterinarian.

## **POULTRY**

1. All exhibitors must show proof that poultry (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*) originated from a Pullorum-typhoid free flock or have all individual poultry entries tested negative for Pullorum-typhoid not more than **90 days** before the exhibition. Blood samples for official tests shall be drawn by an authorized agent, authorized testing agent or state inspector and tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. Official test for Pullorum-typhoid shall be the standard tube agglutination test, the micro agglutination test, the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay ELISA test, and the stained antigen rapid whole – blood test. Proof is to be documented on MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Testing must be completed before arrival at exhibition.
2. All poultry (*pigeons excluded*) must originate from a flock that is a participant in the Maryland Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock Program, or the exhibitor must have a minimum of **10 birds** (or the complete flock if fewer than 10), randomly tested negative for avian influenza by an official test. Official tests for avian influenza are

the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or the real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Samples must be tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. ***For waterfowl, Cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing.*** The samples should only be collected by MDA Animal Health staff, an accredited veterinarian or a state-certified poultry technician. Negative Avian Influenza test results reported on the MDA Avian Influenza Testing Report will be effective for **90 days** from the date of issuance. A flock wherein at least 30 birds or complete flock tested negative for AI will qualify to register as a MD Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock and will need to be retested every 90 days to maintain that status, provided no untested poultry was commingled during that period. All poultry entries shall be accompanied by the MDA AI Test Report Form MDA 12-06-08, MDA-E20 or USDA VS Form 9-3.