

2009 HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED 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 the Exhibitor Self-Certification forms. This form is to be completed by ALL Livestock, Equine, Poultry and Rabbit 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 form 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 except horses, rabbits and poultry must be accompanied by an approved Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show.
2. All out-of-state entries except horses, rabbits and poultry must be accompanied by an APPROVED 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—In addition to general requirements above, all cattle must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number.

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.

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.

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.

IMMUNIZATION—Cattle; Bovine Respiratory Complex to include: Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis, and Parainfluenza - Required

Leptospirosis - Recommended

SWINE—In addition to General requirements above, all swine must be individually identified by eartag, tattoo, or registration number.

IMMUNIZATION—Leptospirosis – Recommended

SHEEP

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.

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.

HORSES—In addition to general requirements above:

EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA--All horses must be accompanied by a record of a negative EIA test within the last 12 months.

FAXED SHOW CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE SHOWS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED!

Please send the original and a copy of your completed intrastate CVI when submitting them for approval.