

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Subpart 2

Chapter 12

Sheep and Goats

109 All sheep and goats, except those for immediate slaughter shall be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI) and shall comply with the following:

1. Intact sheep and goats require individual identification by an official USDA Scrapie eartag, brand, or tattoo recorded on the OCVI.
2. "I certify these animals are free of clinical signs of the diseases contagious footrot, keratoconjunctivitis, contagious ecthyma (Orf), scabies and lice and that the sexually intact animals represented on this form are not known to be scrapie-positive, suspect, high risk, or exposed, and did not originate from a known infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant flock."
3. When originating from an area known to have scabies, must be dipped within ten (10) days immediately preceding the date of entry in an USDA approved dip, and maintained on absolutely clean premises until delivered to the final destination. Dairy goats and dairy sheep maintained separate from other sheep and goats are exempt from dipping when certified free of scabies on OCVI.
4. Dairy goats and dairy sheep over 6 months of age must be negative to an official tuberculin test and an official brucellosis test made within 30 days immediately preceding date of entry.
5. All sheep and goats for immediate slaughter shall be consigned to a recognized slaughtering establishment on either an OCVI or permit or waybill or inspection certification from federally inspected stockyards. In either instance, a copy shall accompany sheep and goats and a copy shall be forwarded to the State Veterinarian of Mississippi.
6. Animals from "non-consistent" states may only enter if from a Scrapie Certified Flock with prior entry permit from the state veterinarian.

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Exotic Livestock

116.02 Requirements:

1. A prior permit for entry and a certificate of veterinary inspection with complete name and address of consignee and consignor are required on all exotics entering the state. Owners of exotic livestock in Mississippi are required to have an “Exotic Livestock Permit” issued by the Board of Animal Health.

2. All animals shall be officially tagged or permanently marked in such a way that they will be identifiable as the animals listed on the health certificate. The accredited veterinarian must state on the certificate that the exotic livestock have been inspected and are free of external parasites and evidence of contagious and communicable disease.

3. Also cervidae 6 months of age and over must be tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry and tested negative to tuberculosis with a cervical tuberculosis test within 30 days prior to entry.

4. Importing CWD Susceptible Animals into Mississippi.

White-tailed Deer, Elk, Red Deer , Mule Deer and Black-tailed Deer and crosses of those animals are considered CWD susceptible animals. Under current rules, no person may import a deer, elk or other cervid into Mississippi without a permit from MBAH. Additionally it is illegal to import white-tail deer into Mississippi.

5. In addition, exotic bovidae 6 months of age and over must be tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry and negative to a tuberculosis test within 30 days prior to entry.

6. In addition, exotic swine must be tested negative to pseudorabies and brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry.

7. In addition, camelidae must be tested negative to a brucellosis and an axillary tuberculosis test for within 30 days prior to entry on all animals 6 months of age and older.

8. In addition exotic equine, donkeys, asses, burros and zebras must be in compliance with domestic equine requirements.

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