

Division of Animal Industry

CHAPTER 5C-4 ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

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5C-4.001 General Requirements and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. All animals for exhibition 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, name and registration number, and permanent identification such as tattoo, eartag number, microchip number, or brand.

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

(2) For exhibition purposes only, 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. For importation into the State, the OCVI is valid for 30 days pursuant to paragraph 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in the State of Florida and entered in market classes provided that the 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) Prior to acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the state of Florida, or by a Department representative for:

(a) The required identification of the animal;

(b) Clinical signs of disease; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with test requirements.

(5) Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual

inspection or any animal which is known to be exposed must be:

- (a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
- (b) Examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. HistoryBA Amended 7-1-71, 8-7-77, 9-30-80, Formerly 5C-4.01, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95.

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

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

- (1) Accredited veterinarian. A licensed veterinarian who has been approved to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative federal-state programs by the Deputy Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, in accordance with the provisions of 9 CFR 161 (1993).
- (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) Domesticated fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial, exhibition, or breeding purposes, or as pets; and (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of the state.
- (3) Department Representative. An employee of the Department who is authorized to perform animal health regulatory activities regarding the prevention, control, and eradication of certain infectious or communicable diseases of animals.
- (4) Exhibition. An assembly of animals for the purpose of competition or public presentation including but not limited to fairs, shows, and rodeo events.
- (5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact.
- (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 where all animals in the class go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.
- (9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). An official form approved by the senior animal health official of the state of origin or an equivalent form from the USDA, which is a complete and legible certificate issued by a veterinarian who is licensed and accredited in the state of origin.
- (10) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(11) Segregated. The maintenance of one group of animals so as to prevent physical contact with another group of animals.

(12) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. § 161 (1994) 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.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History BNew 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95.

5C-4.002 Cattle.

(1) OCVI Required. Cattle for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation and must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certifications listed in subsection 5C-4.002(2), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis.

1. Cattle may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test provided the OCVI identifies the cattle as originating from a Tuberculosis-Free State as defined in subsection 5C-7.016(3), F.A.C., an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, as defined in subsection 5C-7.016(1), F.A.C., or a herd not under quarantine in a Modified Accredited Tuberculosis State, as defined in subsection 5C-7.016(23), F.A.C. When accredited, the herd accreditation number must be recorded on the OCVI.

2. Other cattle may be entered for exhibition provided the cattle originate from a herd not under quarantine and have a negative tuberculin test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition.

3. A positive test on any animal in a designated group, disqualifies all animals of the group from exhibition.

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Vaccination Required. All female dairy cattle four months of age or older born after January 1, 1984 must be officially calfhood vaccinated.

2. Test Required. Cattle from herds not under quarantine in Class A Areas must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.

3. Exemption from Required Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers are exempt from the brucellosis test requirement.

b. Cattle identified on the OCVI as originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, as defined in Rule 5C-6.002, F.A.C., or a Class Free Area, as defined in subparagraph 5C-6.0031(4)(c)3., F.A.C., are exempt from the brucellosis test requirement. When certified, the herd certification number must be recorded on the OCVI.

c. Cattle from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A Areas are exempt from brucellosis test requirements provided that the cattle are:

1. Under 18 months of age; or

2. Official calfhood vaccinates of beef breeds under 24 months of age; or

3. Official calfhood vaccinates of dairy breeds under 20 months of age; and

4. Not parturient or post parturient.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. HistoryBA Amended 7-25-66, 11-15-67, 1-1-70, 7-1-71, 9-1-72, 8-7-77, 8-8-79, 9-30-80, 6-26-83, Formerly 5C-4.02, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95.

5C-4.003 Swine.

(1) OCVI Required. All breeding swine for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation and must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certifications listed in subsection 5C-4.003(2), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Brucellosis. All breeding swine over six months of age entered for exhibition, excluding barrows and gilts in market classes, must originate from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd, as defined in Rule 5C-6.008, F.A.C., or must be recorded negative to a brucellosis test within 30 days of the date of the exhibition. When validated, the validated herd number must be on the OCVI.

(b) Pseudorabies. All breeding swine over six months of age entered for exhibition, excluding barrows and gilts in market classes, must originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd, as defined in subsection 5C-21.005(2), F.A.C., or be negative to a pseudorabies test within 30 days of the date of exhibition. When qualified, the qualified herd number must be recorded on the OCVI.

(3) Isolation. Swine returning to the farm from exhibitions must be isolated from other swine at least 30 days before being returned to the herd. Breeding swine for exhibition must be maintained in isolation between exhibitions or move directly between exhibitions.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. HistoryBA Amended 3-21-64, 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, Formerly 5C-4.03, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl and Ratites.

(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for domestic fowl and ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However, domestic fowl and ratites presented for exhibition without an OCVI, must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.001(4), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All domestic fowl and ratites entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as defined in Rule 5C-16.008, F.A.C., or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. HistoryBA Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95.

5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep.

(1) OCVI Required. Goats or sheep presented for exhibition in Florida must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation. Goats must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certifications listed in subsection 5C-4.005(2), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis. All goats over six months of age must have a negative tuberculin test within 90 days prior to exhibition or must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, as defined in subsection 5C-7.016(1), F.A.C. When accredited, the accredited herd number must be recorded on the OCVI.

(b) Brucellosis. All goats over six months of age must be negative to a brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition or must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd. A Certified Brucellosis-Free Goat Herd is a herd which meets the requirements for a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd as set forth in Rule 5C-6.002, F.A.C. When certified, the certified herd number must be recorded on the OCVI.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. HistoryB New 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95.

5C-4.008 Horses.

(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for horses for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All horses presented for exhibition must be

accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for equine infectious anemia (EIA), conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition.

(a) Exemption to Test Requirement. A foal under six months of age accompanied by its dam which has met the EIA test requirement is not required to have an EIA test.

(b) The EIA test must be reported on VS Form 10-11 (Apr 90) and must be:

1. An original copy of the official test record; or
2. A copy of the original test record, certified by the laboratory which conducted the test; or
3. A notarized copy of the original test record.

(c) A horse not accompanied by an EIA test record as required by subsection 5C-4.008(2), F.A.C. or which does not correspond to the description on VS Form 10-11 (Apr 90) will be prohibited from exhibition.

(3) Equine Event Extension. An OCVI is required for horses moving interstate to equine events. Upon written request to the Division, the expiration of a Florida Equine OCVI will be extended for up to six months provided that:

(a) The purpose is solely to allow routine movement to equine events such as horse shows or meets, races, trail rides, or fox hunts in the states of Georgia and Alabama; and

1. Florida, Georgia, and Alabama have mutually agreed to recognize such extensions by the other two states; and
2. The Equine OCVI is complete; and
3. The new expiration date will not be later than the expiration date of the EIA test.

(b) This Equine Event Extension does not supersede or replace the requirements of any given event.

(c) A new Equine Event Extension will not be issued for an owner, owner's agent, or horse which has been the subject of an Equine Event Extension which the Department has cancelled.

(d) Forms. VS Form 10-11 (April 90) 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.

Specific Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(3), 585.145 FS. HistoryBNew 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95.