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**2009 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
FOR LIVESTOCK
EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN
SUMMARY**

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The following is a summary of the health requirements for livestock exhibited in Michigan. The complete set of requirements can be obtained by downloading them from the Michigan Department of Agriculture website www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo or by contacting the fair/exposition staff or livestock entry office.

**Livestock means those species of animals used for human food and fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. Livestock includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, captive cervidae, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.*

GENERAL

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with all statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Michigan relating to animal health outlined in Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, as amended, and rules promulgated for the implementation and enforcement of the act.

1. A fair shall have an accredited veterinarian on call whenever there are animals on the premises during the fair. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority shall do all of the following as described herein:
 - a. Notify exhibitors of health tests and certificates required for importation and exhibition in this state.
 - b. Examine and approve required health certificates, reports, test charts, certificates, or other required documentation before displaying, exhibiting, or stabling the animals in the exhibition area or before commingling with other animals.
 - c. Notify exhibitors whether or not poultry vaccinated against Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are allowed in the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show.
 - d. Assure that all participating equine test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).
2. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show or, by permission of the director, shall be isolated on the premises.

Livestock that have known exposure to, or that show clinical signs of, infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease as determined by a veterinarian shall not be displayed or housed at a fair, exhibition, exposition or show unless permission to do so is granted by the director. The fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority is responsible for ensuring that the livestock are removed from the premises.

3. A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show.
4. A bird shall not be handled except by the exhibitor, attendant, fair veterinarian, director, or judge after the bird is placed in an exhibition coop.
- 5a. **Starting March 1, 2007, all cattle moving to a show, sale, or exhibition are required to have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag.** Exhibitors may call the National Holstein Association at 1-800-952-5200 to order RFID tags at a cost of \$2.00 per tag.
- 5b. **All out-of-state cattle exhibited in Michigan shall be tagged with an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag.** Tags can be ordered by calling RJ Matthews Co. at 330-834-3000, or by calling the Indiana Animal Health, Inc. at 219-279-2378.
6. All goats, sheep, and privately-owned cervids shall bear official identification before they leave their home premises.
7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that all requirements for testing, identification, and official interstate health certificate or official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection are fulfilled prior to importation and that proof of fulfilling these requirements is provided to the director, fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority upon request.
8. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
9. Out-of-state livestock for exhibition shall meet the requirements prescribed for importation of breeding animals of that species and shall be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin. Livestock shall not be diverted to a premises other than the destination site named on the official interstate health certificate.
10. Whenever an official test is conducted or an official vaccination is administered, livestock shall, unless exempted by the director, be permanently identified in a manner approved by the director.
11. Unless otherwise approved by the director, a facility for exhibition of livestock shall be constructed to allow sufficient separation of each exhibitor's livestock. The facility shall be constructed of a material that can be adequately cleaned and disinfected.

12. An exhibition building or yarding facility shall be cleaned and disinfected with an United States Department of Agriculture approved disinfectant used in accordance with label instructions before livestock are admitted by removing from the premises all manure, litter, hay, straw, and forage from pens, runways, and show rings and thoroughly disinfecting walls, partitions, floors, mangers, awarding facilities, and runways in a manner approved by the director. MDA is currently using Virkon S for field activities. For a complete list of disinfectants, please refer to www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
13. Feed and water containers provided for exhibition coops shall be new or properly cleaned.
14. A feed or water container from which a bird has eaten or drunk shall be refilled in such a manner as to prevent contamination of the common supply of feed and water. A feed or water container may not be removed from an exhibition coop except for the purpose of cleaning.
15. An exhibition coop shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after each exhibition.
16. Primary enclosures and stall areas shall be constructed and placed to provide adequate light for proper inspection for evidence of transmissible diseases.
17. Cage litter and bedding shall be clean and shall be replaced daily, or as often as needed.
18. A shipping crate used in the shipment of birds by common carrier may not be used as an exhibition coop. Shipping crates shall be cleaned and disinfected on the day of arrival after the birds have been removed for exhibition and before being used again. Unless otherwise necessary, shipping crates shall not be stored in the exhibition area.
19. Out-of-state livestock for exhibition shall meet the requirements prescribed for importation of breeding animals of that species and **shall be accompanied by an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection** issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.



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If vesicular stomatitis outbreaks have occurred in the state of origin within the past 30 days, the following statement must be included by the accredited veterinarian on any official interstate health certificate or official certificate of veterinary inspection for importation of equidae, cattle, sheep, goats, bison, New World camelids, swine, or privately owned cervidae into Michigan:

"I have examined the animals listed on this certificate and have found no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis. To the best of my knowledge, these animals have not been exposed to vesicular stomatitis within the previous 30 days, nor have they been vaccinated with vesicular stomatitis vaccine."

All cattle, goats, and bison of any age and reproductive capability, unless transported directly to a USDA inspected slaughter facility, must be identified with a USDA approved official identification eartag, or official breed registration tattoo, prior to importation. An official breed registration tattoo may only be used if the animal is accompanied by the official breed registration certificate during the movement. The official identification must be recorded on the required official interstate health certificate or official certificate of veterinary inspection.

Dairy cattle, breeding cattle, feeder heifers, horses and other equidae, breeding swine, feeder swine, market hogs, llamas, alpacas, privately-owned cervids, aquaculture, and wild animals for exhibition originating outside the state of Michigan shall meet the requirements found at www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo by contacting the fair/exposition staff or livestock entry office.

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