

HEALTH REGULATIONS

2017 Fair and Show Requirements

The Maryland Dept. Of Agriculture's (MDA) Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as below. CVI's marked "Exhibitions" are valid for 120 days provided status of herd or flock has not changed.

Animal Identification Requirements: In 2017, All cattle and swine entering Maryland Fairs and Shows must have for official identification a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag. All animals except rabbits must have "Official Identification" to enter exhibitions . . . Official Identification criteria and examples are provided at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/materials.html> These requirements specifically affect:

- a. **Swine:** Swine must have RFID tags bearing official identification.
- C. **Sheep/Goats:** All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie identified.

1. **Exhibitor Requirements:** Exhibitors at state, county and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health. These requirements are summarized below.

2. **Requirements Apply to All Livestock:** Livestock means those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aqua culture and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.

3. **Documentation:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by going to <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx> . For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements.

Out of State Entries: Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being imported to or exported from this state within 30 days before the importation or exportation of the animals it describes which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of destination.

Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of that state. In Maryland good for 120 days from inspection.

Self Certification - a document signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases. Must be completed within 24 hours of loading. See species specific requirement for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.

Test Report Forms - Testing is required for some species. Examples are Avian Influenza Testing Report, Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report, Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia).

Maryland Poultry Premises Identification - All premises with poultry are required to be registered in Maryland. **All poultry for exhibition must be tested for Avian Influenza, within 21 days prior to entry, or originate directly from an NPIP clean or state H5/H7 monitored status.**

4. **A.** Failure to provide completed documentation is grounds for rejection.
- B.** A skin lesion suspicious of ringworm to be considered no longer contagious to other animals or people, new wool or hair must completely cover that lesion.
- C.** Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, prolapse, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.

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D. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.

E. Exposed animals may be rejected: if it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.

F. All decisions are FINAL.

G. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.

H. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health Veterinarians or Field Inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension Employees or individuals designated by the fair or show as a "responsible person".

- 5.. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.
6. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show, **except** Equine, Poultry and Rabbits. The Intrastate CVI is valid for 120 days, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
7. The Intrastate CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper CVI form. The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock, and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
8. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of this 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.
9. Each animal must be properly identified on the Intrastate or Interstate CVI.

CATTLE

All Cattle General Requirements:

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official RFID ear tag.

Maryland Cattle

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

Immunization: Bovine Respiratory Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis is recommended.

Out-of-State Cattle

Brucellosis:

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
 - a. No brucellosis test required
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
 - a. Be official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dated recorded on the Interstate CVI, or Be tested negative within 30 days before entry

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
 - a. No tuberculin test required
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following: (1) Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny

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from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or (2) any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.

b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

SWINE

Maryland Swine

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official RFID ear tag. .

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland swine.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

Out-of-State Swine

Identification: Swine shall be individually by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

Brucellosis: All swine, except barrows, 6 months of age and older, shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, **or** originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd or brucellosis-free state.

Pseudo rabies: Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative to an official test for Pseudo rabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, **or** originate immediately and directly from a qualified Pseudo rabies negative herd or Stage 4 or Stage 5 Pseudo rabies free state.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

SHEEP

All Sheep: General Requirements:

Identification: All sheep must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep include the following: (a) USDA-approved ear tags; (b) Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or (c) legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement; and (d) a microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Maryland and Out of State Sheep - No additional requirements

Market Lambs - It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.

GOATS

All Goats: General Requirements

Identification: All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for goats include the following: (a) USDA-approved ear tags; (b) legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or (c) legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement; and (d) a microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Maryland Goats

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

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Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats.

Out of State Goats

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone - No tuberculin test required
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - a. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following: (1) Goats must originate from herds in which all animals are tested negative within past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test, or (2) any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
 - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES, AND OTHER EQUIDAE

All Equine: General Requirements

Identification: Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable: name, registration number, tattoo or brand or microchip, breed, age, sex, color and markings if present. *Animals using tattoos or brands for official identification must be accompanied with the breed registration papers.*

Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Testing: All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

Self Certification Requirement and Exemption: An ***Equine Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*** is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

Maryland Equine

1. All horses and other Equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. A CVI is not required for Maryland equine

Out-of-State Equine

1. All horses and other Equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other Equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
3. The following contiguous states and New Jersey are exempted from the CVI requirement: Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

POULTRY

All Poultry - General Requirements

1. Identification: All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
2. Testing: All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Pullorum-Typhoid testing. All poultry except pigeons and doves shall meet one of the following criteria: Originate directly from a US Avian Influenza Clean Flock or from a State Avian Influenza monitored flock or have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted within 21 days prior to the event.
3. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a *Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

Maryland Poultry -

1. **Premise Registration:** All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered *Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number*
2. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements: (a) originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock

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as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, or (b) have a negative official test for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 90 days before entry to exhibition. Poultry must remain segregated from any untested birds after a partial flock test.

3. Documentation of test results on MDA – E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-2 or comparable form.

Out-of-State Poultry -

1. No additional requirements.

RABBITS

All Rabbits: General Requirements

1. See 2017 Rabbit Waiver – Rabbits are not required to have an Interstate or Intrastate CVI.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a tattoo, tag, or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.
3. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits

No additional requirements.

DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS

Exhibitors must have a current rabies certificate as proof of rabies vaccination.

PETTING ZOOS

Animals exhibited in a petting zoo at a show or fair must have the same health paper certification, testing and immunizations as other exhibited livestock, poultry or exotic species.

ALL CAMELIDS - must have individual identification of each animal with an official metal ear tag or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids or out-of-state camelids. Out-of-state camelids are not required to have a TB test if from a free state or region. Modified accredited advanced or lower TB free areas or states (not TB free) shall do the following: over 6 months of age originate from a herd not under restrictions or quarantine for TB and from which a complete herd test was done within the past 12 months; progeny born since that test date may be imported without a TB test, or Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative TB test within 60 days of import. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate..

***Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.**

*** Livestock failing to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition (See Animal Health Rejection Policy Above).**

Questions

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland fairs and shows, please contact the MDA Animal Health Headquarters Office or Diagnostic Laboratory during normal business hours.

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