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0080-02-17	Deer and Other Cervidae
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## Amendments

### Chapter 0080-02-01

#### Health Requirements for Admission and Transportation of Livestock and Poultry

Rule 0080-02-01-.12 Bison and Cervidae is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting a new rule as follows:

#### Rule 0080-02-01-.12 Bison

Import and movement of bison shall follow all requirements for cattle under rule 0080-02-01-.05

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

### New 0080-02-17 Deer and Other Cervidae

#### 0080-02-17-.01 Scope.

- (1) These rules apply to all Cervidae held in captivity.
- (2) In addition to these rules, cervids on hunting preserves are regulated by Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency under T.C.A. § 70-4-413.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

#### 0080-02-17-.02 Definitions.

- (1) Cervid means all members of the *Cervidae* family and hybrids including deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer, and related species.
- (2) Certified herd means a Cervidae herd enrolled in a USDA approved herd certification program (HCP) for a period of five years during which time no evidence of CWD or traceback or trace forward concerns were identified in the herd by a state or federal animal health control official.
- (3) CWD means Chronic Wasting Disease, a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy in Cervidae that causes weight loss and death in infected animals;
- (4) CWD surveillance program means a program approved by a state or federal animal health official for monitoring and control of CWD;
- (5) Move, ship, transport, or similar words mean to relocate in any manner an item or animal from one real property to another.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

0800-02-17-.03 Import.

- (1) A person shall not import Cervidae from an origin within 50 miles of a location where CWD has been detected by a state or federal animal health control official.
- (2) A person shall not import Cervidae unless the animals are identified by two forms of identification, one of which must be USDA official identification.
- (3) Any person who imports Cervidae shall have in his possession:
  - (a) Proof showing each cervid is negative for tuberculosis, by either:
    1. One USDA-approved tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to import, and proof the cervid originated from a herd that tested negative on a whole herd test for tuberculosis within 12 months prior to import; or
    2. Two USDA-approved tuberculosis tests conducted at least 90 days apart and the second conducted within 90 days prior to import.
  - (b) A completed certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI);
  - (c) An entry permit obtained by the veterinarian who issued the CVI for the Cervidae; and
  - (d) Proof that any cervid originated from a CWD certified status herd.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

0800-02-17-.04 In-state movement.

- (1) For movement of any Cervidae from a county where any portion of the county lies within ten miles of a location where CWD has been detected by a state or federal animal health control official, a person must prior to the movement receive written authorization from the state veterinarian's office. The state veterinarian's office may authorize or deny movement of Cervidae based on their likelihood to spread CWD within the state, as assessed on various factors, such as seclusion from CWD detected areas by barrier or distance, herd testing, or the existence of CWD in the region.
- (2) A person shall not move Cervidae unless the animals are identified by two forms of identification, one of which must be USDA official identification.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

0080-02-17-.05 Herd maintenance.

Any person who holds Cervidae within the state must:

- (1) Annually report to the department on or before July 1 of each year the herd inventory, including location, number, and species of Cervidae;
- (2) Immediately report to the department any cervid illness or death within 24 hours of discovery; and
- (3) Make the carcass of any dead cervid available to the department for testing ordered by the state veterinarian.

- (4) All captive Cervidae premises shall be enclosed by perimeter fences at least 8 feet in height and must be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, and of sufficient construction to prevent ingress and egress of farmed and free-ranging wild cervids or animals.
- (5) Captive Cervidae escaping their premises shall be reported to the state veterinarian's office within 72 hours of escape. The owner is responsible for the recapture or harvest of the animal.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

#### 0080-02-17-.06 Reporting and Testing Requirements

- (a) Immediate reporting of all deaths 12 months of age or older and subsequent CWD testing of those mortalities at the owner's expense shall be required and documented by an accredited veterinarian or state or federal personnel. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames IA shall perform testing, and all lab results must be received by the state veterinarian. Exemptions may be approved only by the state veterinarian after consultation with the herd owner and herd veterinarian.
- (b) Tissues from all CWD-exposed or CWD-suspect animals that die or are depopulated must be submitted for testing regardless of the age of the animal.
- (c) Carcasses and tissues from sampled animals must be disposed of following State regulation. Remains of CWD-positive or CWD-exposed animals shall be disposed of in compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations as approved by the State Veterinarian.
- (d) All deaths of Cervidae and any animal exhibiting signs of CWD shall be immediately reported to the Tennessee State Veterinarian.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

#### 0080-02-17-.07 Epidemiologic Investigations

- (a) All animals reported as CWD-suspects will be investigated promptly.
- (b) An epidemiologic investigation will be conducted of CWD-positive, CWD-exposed, and CWD-suspect herds that will include the designation of suspect and exposed animals, identifying animals to be traced. States that are found to have received any animals involved in a trace will be notified immediately.
- (c) Trace-backs of CWD-positive animals and trace-outs of CWD exposed animals will be conducted. Appropriate states will be notified promptly after notification of a CWD positive animal has been received.
- (d) Trace-backs based on harvest or other sampling will be conducted promptly after receipt of notification of a CWD-positive animal at harvest.
- (e) If herds are found to have CWD-positive, CWD-exposed, or CWD- suspect animals, the herd will be designated as such and the herd will be promptly quarantined until it has been determined if the herd contains or has contained a CWD-positive animal.
- (f) Herds with a positive CWD animal will be subjected to a herd plan as developed by the TN State Veterinarian with completion of herd plan requirements before quarantines are removed. Certified status also would be suspended.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

#### 0080-02-17-.08 Escaped Cervids

All Cervidae escaping their premises shall be immediately reported to the state veterinarian's office and recaptured by the owner within 72 hours of escape. If an escaped farm-raised cervid is

returned to the herd more than 72 hours after it escapes, it loses any status that it may have had in a herd certification or herd status program and is treated as a new addition to the herd.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

0080-02-17-.09 Voluntary herd certification program.

(1) Premises Requirements

- (a) All owners of captive Cervidae in Tennessee shall obtain a premise identification number from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
- (b) All Cervidae premises that participate in the Tennessee CWD HCP shall have suitable handling facilities to allow inspection, identification, or testing of animals in a safe and humane manner.

(2) Identification Requirements

- (a) Each animal 12 months of age or older and animals under 12 months of age leaving the premises shall have a minimum of two forms of animal identification.
  - 1. One is a nationally unique official animal identification approved by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and must be an 840-visual tag, 840 radio frequency identification device (RFID), electronic implant, 840 RFID injectable transponder or microchip, steel USDA tag, or another approved device.
  - 2. The second form of identification must be a unique form of identification to that animal in the herd and can be any animal identification such as a farm bangle tag or ear or flank tattoo.
- (b) Animals that lose their identification should be retagged as soon as possible. All animals 12 months of age or older must have individual identification and be reconciled in herd records before the herd status can be advanced.

(3) Enrollment, inspections, and recordkeeping requirements

- (a) After receipt of an enrollment application for the program, an initial complete physical herd inventory is required as well as a recording of all individual identification. Records shall be reconciled during inspections and inventories. These inspections and inventories shall be submitted on an inspection form supplied by the state veterinarian's office and signed by an accredited veterinarian or by state or federal personnel. Owners are responsible for assembling, handling, and restraining animals for physical inventories or other inspections under conditions that will allow the accredited veterinarian, APHIS employee, or State Official to safely read all identification on the animals. The owners are responsible for the costs that may be incurred to present the animals for inspection and must agree that any liability or injury to the animals during handling rests with the owner.
- (b) Inspections shall be conducted annually. Physical inventories shall be conducted every three years by state or federal animal health officials or TN accredited veterinarians. Annual inspections consist of an inspection of the facility, a visual inspection of the herd including a count of the cervids and verification that each cervid twelve months of age or older has at least one official visible individual identification. Physical inventories shall be conducted in such a manner that the two forms of identification on each animal twelve months of age or older can be read and recorded. Both annual and physical inventories should correspond with herd records.
- (c) Participants in the herd certification program shall submit their herd inventories in a format prescribed by the state veterinarian's office. Herds may not advance in status until the annual inspections have been completed, submitted, reconciled, and approved.

- (d) Herd records must be maintained that include a complete inventory of animals that states the species, age, and sex of each animal; the date of acquisition and source of animals not born into the herd; the date of disposal or destination of animals removed from the herd; and all individual identification numbers associated with each animal.
  - (e) Animals can only be introduced into an enrolled herd from herds that are the same or higher status in the national herd certification program in order to maintain their existing status. Should animals with a lesser program status be introduced into the herd, the herd will revert to the status of the newly introduced animals.
  - (f) Documentation of any deaths, interstate movements, or any other disposition of animals since the last inventory shall be included in the records. Annual herd inventories shall be completed between 10 to 14 months of the enrollment date and within 10 to 14 months of the anniversary date thereafter.
- (4) Enforcement.
- (a) Certified status is granted after program enrollment and compliance for 5 years with no evidence of disease. Renewal of certified status is contingent upon annual inspection, sampling, and continued compliance with program standards.
  - (b) Certified status may be revoked for failure to comply with this chapter.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

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Chapter 0080-02-01  
Health Requirements for Admission and Transportation of Livestock and Poultry

Rule 0080-02-01-.12 Bison and Cervidae is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting a new rule as follows:

~~0080-02-01-.12 BISON AND CERVIDAE.~~

~~(1) —Bison. Import and movement of bison shall comply with all requirements for cattle under 0080-02-01-.05.~~

~~(2) —Cervidae.~~

~~(a) —Definitions.~~

- ~~1. —Certified status herd means a cervidae herd enrolled in a CWD surveillance program for a period of five years during which time no evidence of CWD or trace back or trace forward concerns were identified for the herd by a state or federal animal health control official. Certified status is contingent on continued compliance with annual inspections and CWD surveillance program standards;~~
- ~~2. —CWD means Chronic Wasting Disease, a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy in cervidae that causes weight loss and death in infected animals~~
- ~~3. —CWD surveillance program means a program approved by a state or federal animal health official for monitoring and control of CWD;~~
- ~~4. —CWD susceptible cervidae means any member of a species identified under United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) CWD Program Standards, as they may be amended from time to time and published by USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services; and~~
- ~~5. —Move, ship, transport, or similar words mean to relocate in any manner an item from one real property to another.~~

~~(b) —Import.~~

- ~~1. —A person shall not import cervidae from an origin within 50 miles of a location where CWD has been detected by a state or federal animal health control official.~~
- ~~2. —A person shall not import cervidae unless the animals are identified by two forms of identification, one of which must be USDA official identification.~~
- ~~3. —Any person who imports cervidae shall have in his possession:
  - ~~(i) —Proof showing each cervid is negative for tuberculosis, by either:
    - ~~(I) —One USDA-approved tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to import, and proof the cervid originated from a herd that tested negative on a whole herd test for tuberculosis within 12 months prior to import; or~~
    - ~~(II) —Two USDA-approved tuberculosis tests conducted at least 90 days apart and the second of which was conducted within 90 days prior to import.~~~~~~



~~(ii) A completed certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI);~~

~~(iii) An entry permit obtained by the veterinarian who issued the CVI for the cervidae; and (iv) Proof that any CWD susceptible cervid originated from a certified status herd.~~

~~(c) In-state movement:~~

~~1. For movement of any CWD-susceptible cervidae from a county where any portion of the county lies within ten miles of a location where CWD has been detected by a state or federal animal health control official, a person must prior to the movement receive written authorization from the state veterinarian's office. The state veterinarian's office may authorize or deny movement of cervidae based on their likelihood to spread CWD within the state, as assessed on various factors, e.g. seclusion from CWD detected areas by barrier or distance, herd testing, or the existence of CWD in the region, etc.~~

~~2. A person shall not move CWD-susceptible cervidae unless the animals are identified by two forms of identification, one of which must be USDA official identification. A person shall not move non-CWD-susceptible cervidae to a livestock market unless the animals are identified by two forms of identification, one of which must be USDA official identification. (d) CWD-susceptible herd maintenance. 1. Any person who holds CWD-susceptible cervidae within the state must: (i) Annually report to the department on or before July 1 of each year the herd inventory, including location, number, and species of cervidae; (ii) Immediately report to the department any cervid illness or death within 24 hours of discovery; and (iii) Make the carcass of any dead cervid available to the department for testing ordered by the state veterinarian.~~

#### Rule 0080-02-01-.12 Bison

Import and movement of bison shall follow all requirements for cattle under rule 0080-02-01-.05

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

#### New 008-02-17 Deer and Other Cervidae

##### 0080-02-17-.01 Scope.

(1) These rules apply to all Cervidae held in captivity.

(2) In addition to these rules, cervids on hunting preserves are regulated by Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency under T.C.A. § 70-4-413.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

##### 0080-02-17-.02 Definitions.

(1) Cervid means all members of the *Cervidae* family and hybrids including deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer, and related species.

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evidence of CWD or traceback or trace forward concerns were identified in the herd by a state or federal animal health control official.

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- (3) Any person who imports Cervidae shall have in his possession:
  - (a) Proof showing each cervid is negative for tuberculosis, by either:
    - 1. One USDA-approved tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to import, and proof the cervid originated from a herd that tested negative on a whole herd test for tuberculosis within 12 months prior to import; or
    - 2. Two USDA-approved tuberculosis tests conducted at least 90 days apart and the second conducted within 90 days prior to import.
  - (b) A completed certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI);
  - (c) An entry permit obtained by the veterinarian who issued the CVI for the Cervidae; and
  - (d) Proof that any cervid originated from a CWD certified status herd.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

0800-02-17-.04 In-state movement.

- (1) For movement of any Cervidae from a county where any portion of the county lies within ten miles of a location where CWD has been detected by a state or federal animal health control official, a person must prior to the movement receive written authorization from the state veterinarian's office. The state veterinarian's office may authorize or deny movement of Cervidae based on their likelihood to spread CWD within the state, as assessed on various factors, such as seclusion from CWD detected areas by barrier or distance, herd testing, or the existence of CWD in the region.
- (2) A person shall not move Cervidae unless the animals are identified by two forms of identification, one of which must be USDA official identification.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

#### 0080-02-17-.05 Herd maintenance.

Any person who holds Cervidae within the state must:

- (1) Annually report to the department on or before July 1 of each year the herd inventory, including location, number, and species of Cervidae;
- (2) Immediately report to the department any cervid illness or death within 24 hours of discovery; and
- (3) Make the carcass of any dead cervid available to the department for testing ordered by the state veterinarian.
- (4) All captive Cervidae premises shall be enclosed by perimeter fences at least 8 feet in height and must be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, and of sufficient construction to prevent ingress and egress of farmed and free-ranging wild cervids or animals.
- (5) Captive Cervidae escaping their premises shall be reported to the state veterinarian's office within 72 hours of escape. The owner is responsible for the recapture or harvest of the animal.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

#### 0080-02-17-.06 Reporting and Testing Requirements

- (a) Immediate reporting of all deaths 12 months of age or older and subsequent CWD testing of those mortalities at the owner's expense shall be required and documented by an accredited veterinarian or state or federal personnel. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames IA shall perform testing, and all lab results must be received by the state veterinarian. Exemptions may be approved only by the state veterinarian after consultation with the herd owner and herd veterinarian.
- (b) Tissues from all CWD-exposed or CWD-suspect animals that die or are depopulated must be submitted for testing regardless of the age of the animal.
- (c) Carcasses and tissues from sampled animals must be disposed of following State regulation. Remains of CWD-positive or CWD-exposed animals shall be disposed of in compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations as approved by the State Veterinarian.
- (d) All deaths of Cervidae and any animal exhibiting signs of CWD shall be immediately reported to the Tennessee State Veterinarian.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

#### 0080-02-17-.07 Epidemiologic Investigations

- (a) All animals reported as CWD-suspects will be investigated promptly.
- (b) An epidemiologic investigation will be conducted of CWD-positive, CWD-exposed, and CWD-suspect herds that will include the designation of suspect and exposed animals, identifying animals to be traced. States that are found to have received any animals involved in a trace will be notified immediately.
- (c) Trace-backs of CWD-positive animals and trace-outs of CWD exposed animals will be conducted. Appropriate states will be notified promptly after notification of a CWD positive animal has been received.
- (d) Trace-backs based on harvest or other sampling will be conducted promptly after receipt of notification of a CWD-positive animal at harvest.

- (e) If herds are found to have CWD-positive, CWD-exposed, or CWD- suspect animals, the herd will be designated as such and the herd will be promptly quarantined until it has been determined if the herd contains or has contained a CWD-positive animal.
- (f) Herds with a positive CWD animal will be subjected to a herd plan as developed by the TN State Veterinarian with completion of herd plan requirements before quarantines are removed. Certified status also would be suspended.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102

#### 0080-02-17-.08 Escaped Cervids

All Cervidae escaping their premises shall be immediately reported to the state veterinarian's office and recaptured by the owner within 72 hours of escape. If an escaped farm-raised cervid is returned to the herd more than 72 hours after it escapes, it loses any status that it may have had in a herd certification or herd status program and is treated as a new addition to the herd.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102.

#### 0080-02-17-.09 Voluntary herd certification program.

##### (1) Premises Requirements

- (a) All owners of captive Cervidae in Tennessee shall obtain a premise identification number from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
- (b) All Cervidae premises that participate in the Tennessee CWD HCP shall have suitable handling facilities to allow inspection, identification, or testing of animals in a safe and humane manner.

##### (2) Identification Requirements

- (a) Each animal 12 months of age or older and animals under 12 months of age leaving the premises shall have a minimum of two forms of animal identification.
  - 1. One is a nationally unique official animal identification approved by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and must be an 840-visual tag, 840 radio frequency identification device (RFID), electronic implant, 840 RFID injectable transponder or microchip, steel USDA tag, or another approved device.
  - 2. The second form of identification must be a unique form of identification to that animal in the herd and can be any animal identification such as a farm bangle tag or ear or flank tattoo.
- (b) Animals that lose their identification should be retagged as soon as possible. All animals 12 months of age or older must have individual identification and be reconciled in herd records before the herd status can be advanced.

##### (3) Enrollment, inspections, and recordkeeping requirements

- (a) After receipt of an enrollment application for the program, an initial complete physical herd inventory is required as well as a recording of all individual identification. Records shall be reconciled during inspections and inventories. These inspections and inventories shall be submitted on an inspection form supplied by the state veterinarian's office and signed by an accredited veterinarian or by state or federal personnel. Owners are responsible for assembling, handling, and restraining animals for physical inventories or other inspections under conditions that will allow the accredited veterinarian, APHIS employee, or State Official to safely read all identification on the animals. The owners are responsible for the costs that may be incurred to present the animals for inspection and must agree that any liability or injury to the animals during handling rests with the owner.

- (b) Inspections shall be conducted annually. Physical inventories shall be conducted every three years by state or federal animal health officials or TN accredited veterinarians. Annual inspections consist of an inspection of the facility, a visual inspection of the herd including a count of the cervids and verification that each cervid twelve months of age or older has at least one official visible individual identification. Physical inventories shall be conducted in such a manner that the two forms of identification on each animal twelve months of age or older can be read and recorded. Both annual and physical inventories should correspond with herd records.
- (c) Participants in the herd certification program shall submit their herd inventories in a format prescribed by the state veterinarian's office. Herds may not advance in status until the annual inspections have been completed, submitted, reconciled, and approved.
- (d) Herd records must be maintained that include a complete inventory of animals that states the species, age, and sex of each animal; the date of acquisition and source of animals not born into the herd; the date of disposal or destination of animals removed from the herd; and all individual identification numbers associated with each animal.
- (e) Animals can only be introduced into an enrolled herd from herds that are the same or higher status in the national herd certification program in order to maintain their existing status. Should animals with a lesser program status be introduced into the herd, the herd will revert to the status of the newly introduced animals.
- (f) Documentation of any deaths, interstate movements, or any other disposition of animals since the last inventory shall be included in the records. Annual herd inventories shall be completed between 10 to 14 months of the enrollment date and within 10 to 14 months of the anniversary date thereafter.

(4) Enforcement.

- (a) Certified status is granted after program enrollment and compliance for 5 years with no evidence of disease. Renewal of certified status is contingent upon annual inspection, sampling, and continued compliance with program standards.
- (b) Certified status may be revoked for failure to comply with this chapter.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102