

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MARYLAND

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certification of Veterinary Inspection for Show Certificate. Exceptions to this are horses and poultry. See below for instructions on these animals. Have your accredited veterinarian fill in this form completely. The identification numbers, ages and breeds on the certificate must correspond with those used on the test chart submitted by your veterinarian. The certificate **MUST** be signed by your veterinarian, and forwarded to the Animal Health Section, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Upon approval by this office, a copy will be returned to you. This approved copy **MUST** accompany animals to all shows and be presented to the MDA Animal Health Inspector prior to unloading. Approval of all entries for the first showing in Maryland will **EXTEND** through the Show or Fair season, providing that the status of the herd or animals does not change. **This paragraph only applies to Maryland Animals and those in #2 below.**
2. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** signed by an accredited veterinarian and approved by the **State Veterinarian of the state of origin**. These are also known as "interstate health certificates" and are usually valid for 30 days. Unless there are changes in the health status or herd of origin or of the animals themselves, Maryland will consider them valid throughout the traditional show season.
3. All animals, except certain poultry, must be identified individually.
4. All animals will be inspected for general health upon arrival. Those showing clinical signs of ANY contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the Show or Fair. In such cases the health certificate may be modified, suspended or revoked.
5. When immunization is recommended or required it must be done in conformity with standard procedures and practices consistent with the development of immunity **PRIOR** to Show or Fair.

CATTLE & GOATS

In addition to General requirements, all cattle and goats must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo or registration number.

Tuberculosis

1. Cattle and goats originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for tuberculosis for Shows or Fairs in Maryland.
2. Animals that originate from herds in tuberculosis-free States need no testing.
3. Animals from Tuberculosis-free Accredited herds need no testing.
4. Animals from herds in which all animals have tested negative within the past 12 months need no testing.
5. All other animals six months of age and over are to have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days prior to the first Show or Fair. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

Brucellosis

1. Cattle and goats originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restrictions are not required to be tested for brucellosis.
2. Animals that originate from herds in brucellosis-free states need no testing.
3. Animals from Certified Brucellosis-free herds need no testing.
4. Animals from herds in which all animals have tested negative within the past 12 months need no testing.
5. All other animals (except official vaccinates under 20 months and animals under six months of age) must be negative to an official brucellosis test within 30 days of the show. Steers are exempt from testing.

SHEEP & GOATS

In order to eradicate Scrapie among sheep and goats, methods for identifying infected and exposed animals must be created. Therefore, sheep and goats not enrolled in the Scrapie Certification Program will need to be officially identified before they change ownership and/or move interstate. The following animals will need ear tags or tattoos:

1. All sheep 18 months and older (ewe or ram lambs if not going directly to slaughter)
2. All breeding sheep
3. All sheep and goats for exhibition
4. All Scrapie exposed, suspect, test-positive and high risk animals
5. Breeding goats, except low-risk commercial goats

CATTLE - IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Respiratory complex to include bovine virus diarrhea (BVD) - Required.
2. Leptospirosis - Recommended.

SWINE

In addition to General Requirements above, all swine must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo or registration number.

Brucellosis and Pseudorabies

1. Swine originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for brucellosis or pseudorabies for Shows or Fairs in Maryland.
2. Animals that originate from a Validated Brucellosis-free State or a Validated Brucellosis-free Herd need no testing for brucellosis.
3. All other animals six months of age or over except barrows must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days of the Show or Fair.
4. All swine except suckling or weanling pigs must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of the Show or Fair unless they originate from: A feeder pig monitored herd in a Stage III state, A Qualified Pseudorabies, A Stage IV or V state.

MARKET SWINE

Swine exhibited at events where no other classes of swine, i.e., breeding or feeder swine are exhibited shall be exempt from these requirements if they are slaughtered immediately after judging and not returned to farms.

SHEEP

All sheep must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo or registration number. In addition to the General Requirements for individual sheep, the entire flock of origin must be inspected for the presence of contagious or infectious disease.

POULTRY

All exhibitors must show proof that poultry originated from a Pullorum-Fowl Typhoid Free Flock or have been tested negative for Pullorum-Typhoid not more than 90 days before the Fair. Proof is documentation on VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Junior 4-H exhibitors of broiler stock only, can substitute the above with either MDA A-E-16 Health certificate for show or official letter endorsed by a Maryland Cooperative Extension Agent.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 410-841-5810 or write to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Section, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401.