

**02 NCAC 52B .0213      IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS: CERVIDS**

- (a) No farmed cervids shall be imported into North Carolina from:
- (1) a herd located in a county or its equivalent, if not within the United States or in a territory without counties, where Chronic Wasting Disease ("CWD") has been diagnosed;
  - (2) a herd located in a county or its equivalent, if not within the United States or in a territory without counties, that is contiguous to a county or its equivalent, if not within the United States or in a territory without counties, where CWD has been diagnosed; or
  - (3) a CWD-positive, exposed, or suspect farmed cervid facility.
- (b) Any imported farmed cervid that fails to comply with G.S. 106-549.97, 02 NCAC 52L, or this Rule, shall be deemed a CWD-suspect animal until further investigation by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Veterinary Division.
- (c) No CWD-susceptible cervids, as identified by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Veterinary Division or the USDA, shall be imported into North Carolina without first being tested negative for CWD using an antemortem test approved by the USDA.
- (d) All cervids entering North Carolina shall be accompanied by all of the following:
- (1) an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection ("ICVI") issued within 30 days prior to arrival;
  - (2) the following statement shall also appear on the ICVI: "All cervidae on this certificate originate from a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of CWD in this herd or any herd contributing to this herd for the previous five years."; and
  - (3) proof of a negative USDA-approved tuberculosis test for animals six months of age or older conducted within 60 days prior to arrival if the animal originates from a tuberculosis accredited herd. If the animal is six months of age or older and originates from a herd of unknown status, two negative USDA approved tests for tuberculosis shall be required with the second being greater than 90 days from the initial test and within 60 days prior to arrival. If the animal is less than six months of age and from a herd of unknown status, one negative USDA approved tuberculosis test shall be required. The herd of origin and commingled susceptible species shall have had no diagnosis of tuberculosis in the 36 months preceding shipment.
- (e) All farmed cervids entering North Carolina shall be accompanied by all of the following:
- (1) individual animal identification required by 02 NCAC 52L .0112 and noted on the ICVI; and
  - (2) a valid transportation permit issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Veterinary Division.
- (f) The State Veterinarian of North Carolina may issue orders prohibiting the importation of certain farmed cervids or issue moratoriums pending the investigation of any threat of disease based on his or her expertise and experience that will pose a risk of spreading disease that will damage or harm the North Carolina farmed cervid industry, including the control or spread of CWD.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-307.5; 106-317; 106-399.4; 106-400; 106-549.97(a2);  
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