MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Entry Requirements

Subpart 2

Chapter 12

General

100 Health Certificate Requirements - Health Certificates are required on all animals except livestock consigned to Federal approved slaughter establishments.

101 Relation to Federal Requirements - Livestock imports are to meet Mississippi and Federal interstate requirements, a health certificate, permit and/or waybill shall accompany the shipment as stipulated. No animal, including poultry, exotic or pet birds, or any species affected with, or recently exposed to any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, or that originated from a quarantined herd or area, shall be shipped or in any manner transported or moved into the State of Mississippi, except those animals affected with such diseases which are approved for interstate shipment by United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, Veterinary Services, except for immediate slaughter.

102 Permits.

1. Requests for permits permits-shall be directed to the Mississippi State Veterinarian. **All international imports require prior entry permit.** The following information is required to secure the permit:

a. Complete name and mailing addresses of consignor and consignee;

b. Number, breed and sex of animals;

c. Purpose of shipment;

d. Brucellosis and Tuberculosis status of test eligible cattle, swine and exotics: Pseudorabies status of swine;

e. Origin and destination if different from item a..

2. To obtain a permit call: 601-359-1170, anytime day or night. Please note: Evenings and after hours will be answered by an answering machine.

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103 Duties of Carriers –

1. Owners and operators of private and common carriers, trucks and other conveyances are forbidden to move any livestock into, or through this state except in compliance with provisions set forth in these regulations.

2. All railway cars, trucks, and other conveyances used for the transportation of livestock and poultry shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.

3. Any carrier failing to comply with any of the provisions of this regulation, or interfering with any duly appointed representative of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health or USDA in the discharge of his duty, or having discharged of his duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as authorized in Sections 69-15-9, 69-15-111, and 69-15-331 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. (et. seq. 1972)

104 Health Certificates - Licensed graduate accredited Veterinarians, or Veterinarians regularly employed by the state of origin, or Veterinary Services division of APHIS, USDA are authorized to inspect and issue official health certificates on livestock entering Mississippi.

105 All livestock entering Mississippi must be accompanied by an official health certificate, except livestock consigned to slaughtering establishments under State or Federal supervision accompanied by a USDA permit (VS Form 1-27), waybills, bills of lading or certificate of ownership. All tested cattle entering on a health certificate, other than cattle to slaughter, must be individually identified.

Cattle

106.01 Brucellosis - The following requirements must be met for cattle to be eligible to enter Mississippi. Test eligible cattle, or females not vaccinated over twelve (12) months of age, or males over eighteen (18) months of age, should be brucellosis tested. Cattle originating from states classified as:

1. Free States:

All test eligible cattle may enter provided they are individually identified on an official health certificate. There are no permanent test requirements. No permit is required.

2. Class A Status:

a. Test eligible cattle from certified brucellosis free herds may enter without testing prior to entry if identity to sources is maintained, and cattle are individually identified on an official health certificate which shows the certified herd number.

b. Test eligible cattle from non-quarantined herds (excluding certified brucellosis free herds) may enter Mississippi provided the cattle have been tested and are negative to the official brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry, and are individually identified on an official health certificate.

c. Test eligible cattle may move directly from a farm of origin to a specifically approved stockyard in Mississippi for the required test. Such cattle may then be moved to a farm in Mississippi. A health certificate is required for test negative cattle moving to a farm in Mississippi from specifically approved stockyard in another state. No retest is required in either instance.

d. Steers and spayed heifers from any herd and official calfhood vaccinates of the dairy breeds under 20 months of age, and official vaccinates of the beef breeds under 24 months of age, which are not parturient or post parturient, from non-quarantined herds, can enter without test restrictions.

106.02 Tuberculosis. All cattle will be required to be negative to a tuberculosis test within 30 days prior to date of shipment, and in addition the cattle must be from a non-quarantined herd in a modified accredited area or tuberculosis-free area. ALL Dairy cattle over 6 months of age must have a negative TB Test prior to entering Mississippi.

Exceptions:

1. If cattle entering Mississippi are on a show circuit, a 60-day test is allowed.

2. Beef Cattle originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free Herd (Accredited herd number and date accredited shall be entered on health certificate) or Accredited Free State.

3. Steers.

4. Cattle for immediate slaughter.

106.03 Trichomoniasis

1.No bull that has tested positive for trichomoniasis shall be brought into this state for any purpose whatsoever.
2. No bull may be brought into this state without being accompanied by a negative test for trichomoniasis except for the following animals:
   a.Exhibition and rodeo bulls that are temporarily in the state only for the purpose of the event and will be leaving the state after the event;
   b. Bulls consigned to go directly to slaughter; and
   c. Virgin bulls.
3. A bull that is brought into this state without being accompanied by a negative test for trichomoniasis shall not be comingled with any cow unless the bull is tested and found to be negative for trichomoniasis prior to comingling.
4. All bulls, except exhibition and rodeo bulls, brought into this state shall be identified by one or more of the following means prior to importation:
   a. Brucellosis ear tag;
   b. official 840 radio frequency identification device (RFID);
   c. official 840 flap or bangle tag;

d. official individual animal breed registry brand;
e. official individual animal breed registry tattoo; or an
f. official state of origin Trichomoniasis tag.

5. Virgin bulls, other than exhibition and rodeo bulls, brought into this state shall, in addition to any other required documentation, be accompanied by a certification of virgin status signed by the owner of the bull, or the owner's representative or a duly authorized veterinarian. The certification shall include the bull's individual identification. If the owner seeking to import the virgin bull into this state acquired the bull from a breeder or another owner then a certification of virgin status signed by the breeder and each prior owner of the bull, or their representative must also accompany the bull. See Trichomonisasis Regulation for full instructions

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