

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE EXHIBITORS OF ANIMALS

1. Out-of-state livestock for exhibition shall meet the requirements prescribed for importation of animals of that species and shall be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.
2. Livestock shall not be diverted to a premises other than the destination site named on the official interstate health certificate.
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that all requirements for testing, identification, and official interstate health certificate or official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection are fulfilled prior to importation and that proof of fulfilling these requirements is provided to the director, fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority upon request.
4. If vesicular stomatitis outbreaks have occurred in the state of origin within the past 12 months , the following statement must be included by the accredited veterinarian on any official interstate health certificate or official certificate of veterinary inspection for importation of equidae, into Michigan:

“I have examined the animals listed on this certificate and have found no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis. To the best of my knowledge, these animals have not been exposed to vesicular stomatitis within the previous 30 days, nor have they been vaccinated with vesicular stomatitis vaccine.”

For a list of states that have had cases of vesicular stomatitis within the past 12 months, please contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Animal Industry Division at 1-800-292-3939 or go to www.michigan.gov/animalimport and click on Equine (Horses, Mules, Donkeys, and Ponies) and then click on List of states.