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## INITIAL PRIVATELY OWNED CERVID IMPORTATION REQUEST AND AGREEMENT FORM

**Please note:** Completion of this request is the first step in the process of approval. After the request has been approved, MDARD will notify you about the next steps.

**Cervidae may *not* be imported until a movement permit is issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).**

### **Instructions:**

Complete this form and submit request by:

- email to [HartM1@michigan.gov](mailto:HartM1@michigan.gov)
  - fax: 517-373-6015
  - mail to: MDARD-AID, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909, Attention: Melanie Hart
- If you have any questions about import requirements, call **Melanie Hart at 517-284-5679**.
  - The Initial Cervid Importation Request will be reviewed by MDARD and MDNR and may take up to **4-6 weeks to complete**.
  - A site visit to the exporting herd facility may be required. Applicants will be required to pay for all costs if such a visit is warranted, regardless of whether the importation request is approved or denied.

### **Importing Herd (MI farm) information:**

Farm owner/manager name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility name (doing business as) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Herd registration number \_\_\_\_\_ Premises ID (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

### **Exporting Herd (out of state farm) information:**

Farm owner/manager name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility name (doing business as) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Herd registration number \_\_\_\_\_ Premises ID (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**Exporting Herd Test Status:**

**Bovine Tuberculosis (TB)**

TB accreditation date \_\_\_\_\_ TB accreditation last test date \_\_\_\_\_

**Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)**

Current CWD herd status \_\_\_\_\_ CWD program entry date \_\_\_\_\_

**Brucellosis**

Brucellosis certification date \_\_\_\_\_ Brucellosis last test date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Required information for animals to be imported:**

| <u>Electronic ID</u> | <u>Other Official ID</u> | <u>Visible ID</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>Gender</u> | <u>Age</u> |
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\* Yes, No or Unknown

**Requirements for Importation of Privately Owned Cervids into Michigan**

**1. Exporting Herd:**

- 1.1. For 5 years prior to the date of exportation to Michigan, all cervids in the exporting herd must come from facilities that meet the following:
  - 1.1.1. Facility must not be located within 25 miles of a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) positive animal in a privately owned herd within the previous five (5) years.
  - 1.1.2. Facility must not be located within 75 miles of a CWD positive free ranging cervid in the previous ten (10) years if the exporting facility has a single perimeter fence.
  - 1.1.3. Facility must not be located within 50 miles of a CWD positive free ranging cervid in the previous ten (10) years if the exporting facility has a double perimeter fence. Documentation of the date of double fencing and a copy of the report of last inspection by the exporting state's responsible agency must be provided.
  - 1.1.4. Facility must not be located where a CWD positive animal ever resided or passed through in transit to another facility.
  - 1.1.5. Exporting herd may not have animals imported from a banned state (currently Wisconsin, Colorado, and Wyoming) within the previous five (5) years. Banned states will be determined by MDNR and MDARD based on the amount of CWD in the state.

- 1.2. Exporting facility must be compliant with all Michigan Department of Natural Resources registration requirements stated in the *Privately Owned Cervidae Producers Marketing Act; Act 190 of 2000, as amended*, and the *Operation Standards For Registered Privately Owned Cervidae Facilities* or have approval of the MDNR Director.
- 1.3. Exporting herd must have attained CWD "Certified" status and the current herd owner must have participated in the program for at least 36 months.
- 1.4. Exporting herd must be bovine Tuberculosis (TB) accredited.
- 1.5. The owner/manager of the exporting herd must not have been convicted of violations relating to captive cervid production compliance in this or any other herd.
- 1.6. Must be in a state that has Approved or Provisionally Approved status in the United States Department of Agriculture's CWD Herd Certification Program.

**2. Cervids to be imported:**

- 2.1. All herds that the animal to be imported has resided in since birth must be identified and must meet items 1.1.1 – 1.1.5 above.
- 2.2. Animal to be imported must have never resided in a banned state: Wisconsin, Colorado, and Wyoming.
- 2.3. Must, if one year of age or older, have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to importation or originate from a certified Brucellosis free herd.
- 2.4. Must have official identification as required by MDARD and the MDNR prior to entry, including all original official identification, and bear electronic ID with a reader available.
- 2.5. Must have an Official Interstate Health Certificate or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection signed by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days of importation.

**3. Importing Herd:**

- 3.1. Herd has attained CWD "Certified" status and the current herd owner must have participated in the program for at least 36 months.
- 3.2. Herd must be bovine TB accredited.
- 3.3. Must be compliant with all MDNR's registration requirements stated in the *Privately Owned Cervidae Producers Marketing Act; Act 190 of 2000, as amended*, and the *Operation Standards for Registered Privately Owned Cervidae Facilities*.
- 3.4. Facility must use electronic ID for tracking animals and have readers available.
- 3.5. The owner/manager of the importing herd must not have been convicted of violations relating to captive cervid production compliance in this or any other herd.

**4. Maximum Quantities to be Imported:**

- 4.1. The maximum number for importation at an individual facility is five animals per year and 10 animals in a five year period. This is regardless of the sex of the animals imported.
- 4.2. At the time of application for importation, each animal will be counted toward maximum numbers, this includes any fawns already born from does requested to be imported. However, if the doe is pregnant or fawns during the application period, she and those offspring will be counted as one animal for the length of the application period. If the importation request is approved, the doe may be imported pregnant or with her

fawn(s) and will only be counted as one animal against the maximum number allowed. The fawns from this doe will be tracked and held to the same post-importation movement requirements as the doe. If the importation is denied on a pregnant doe, future requests for importation must be submitted for each animal, including her fawns and they will count toward the maximum number allowed.

**5. Movement of Animals after importation:**

5.1. **Owner must acquire a permit in writing from MDARD prior to any movement of the cervid to a new facility, whether in Michigan or to an out of state location.**

5.1.1. All cervids must stay in the importing herd for a minimum of two years, and the facility must maintain their CWD Certified status during that time.

5.1.2. After two years, cervids may only be moved to another facility holding a full registration and CWD Certified status.

5.1.3. Five years after importation, cervids may be moved to a herd with a ranch registration.

**6. CWD testing requirements:**

6.1. **Upon the death or harvest of the imported cervid, the owner must notify MDARD immediately and submit the appropriate testable sample for CWD testing.**

6.1.1. Cervids moved to ranch facilities must retain official identification and testable samples must be submitted for CWD testing upon death of the animal.

6.1.2. MDARD will consider modification of these requirements as CWD testing methods for live animals are developed and approved by USDA.

**7. Fees:**

7.1. Costs associated with this approval process, including site visit travel expenses may be charged to the applicant, regardless of whether the importation request is approved or denied.

**All of the above requirements must be met and agreed upon in order to import cervids into the state of Michigan. MDARD staff will complete verification of the requirements.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to meet the stated requirements for the importation of cervidae into the State of Michigan. I understand that importation of cervidae in violation of this agreement may be punishable by penalties and fines as prescribed by Public Act No. 466, of 1988, up to a felony conviction with a fine not more than \$50,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both.

**Signature and Date:**

**Applicant signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
(typed signature is acceptable)

**Office Use Only**

Approved  Denied

If denied, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
MDARD Veterinarian (printed)

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MDARD Veterinarian (signature) Date

**Pending movement permit number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requester notified** **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Notified by: email** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **letter** \_\_\_\_\_