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## State of Alaska Import Requirements March 2017

### SWINE/POT BELLY PIGS

#### General Importation Requirements

1. **All swine imported into Alaska must be accompanied by an official Alaskan importation permit and health certificate.**
  - (1) Both documents must be attached to the waybill for the animal and must accompany the animal at all times.
  - (2) ***Exception:*** Animals intended for immediate slaughter (within 10 days of arrival) do not require a health certificate if the appropriate conditions are met (see note below for further information).
2. No animal may be imported that is affected with an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, or is known to have been exposed to one in the last 30 days.
3. No animal may be imported that originates from a quarantine area as designated by another state, federal government, or foreign country.
4. Animals must be transported in a vehicle appropriate for the size and number of animals being transported, free of hazards that could injure the animals, and maintained in a sanitary condition.
5. ***No swine may be imported that:***
  - (1) ***Originates from a state or country in which there is a quarantine for swine disease imposed by the USDA or a state animal health official;***
  - (2) ***Is vaccinated for pseudorabies;***
  - (3) ***Has been fed raw garbage at any time; or***
  - (4) ***Is feral.***
6. **Note that due to restructuring within USDA there may be new requirements for Animals traveling through Canada. Please contact the USDA Northern Border Ports**

**Veterinarian, Dr. Brooke Lucas, by email at [brooke.a.lucas@usda.gov](mailto:brooke.a.lucas@usda.gov), or by phone Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm Pacific Time at (360) 988-5715.**

### **Importation Permit Requirements**

1. Importation permit applications can be completed online by a veterinarian at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/EH/ATS/index.html>
2. Permit is valid for 30 days after issuance and is non-transferable.
3. A single permit may be obtained for multiple animals of the same class.
4. Application must include:
  - (1) Name, address, and contact information of the person who is importing the animal, and for the person who will be responsible for the animal in Alaska;
  - (2) Physical address or point of origin of the shipment;
  - (3) Physical address of the destination of the shipment; and
  - (4) Results of required diagnostic tests.
5. Alaskan importation permit must be affixed to health certificate and identified on any other official document as "Alaska Permit No. \_\_\_\_."

### **Health Certificate/Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements**

1. Health certificates can be obtained from any licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state or country of origin; one copy of the certificate must be provided to the Alaska State Veterinarian.
2. Valid for 30 days after issuance.
3. Certification must include:
  - (1) Name, address, and contact information of the person who is importing the animal, and for the person who will be responsible for the animal in Alaska;
  - (2) Physical address or point of origin of the shipment;
  - (3) Physical address of the destination of the shipment;
  - (4) Age, sex, breed, color, and markings of each animal;
  - (5) Official identification for each animal;
  - (6) Dates and records of required tests or vaccinations;
  - (7) Certification that each animal:**
    - i. Is free from evidence of, or known recent exposure to, infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases;
    - ii. Originates from an area designated by the USDA as brucellosis-free, and is qualified by the USDA as pseudorabies stage IV or V, **OR** has tested

negative for brucellosis and pseudorabies not earlier than 30 days before importation;

- Note: After arrival, any animal may be retested for brucellosis and/or pseudorabies at the discretion of the State Veterinarian, and kept in isolation 45 - 120 days.

iii. Will be re-inspected not earlier than 10 days before shipment by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state or country of origin.

(8) Date and place of examination; and

(9) Name, contact information, and signature of the certifying veterinarian.

4. The following statement must be included on the health certificate: ***To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not originated from a premises known to be affected by Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv), and have not been exposed to PEDv within the last 30 days.***

Animals intended for **immediate slaughter** do not require a health certificate if:

1. An import permit accompanies the shipment;
2. The waybill that accompanies the shipment states the animal is for immediate slaughter;
3. The animal is kept in an official USDA-approved, federally-inspected slaughterhouse; and
4. The animal will be slaughtered within 10 days, or an exception is granted by the State Veterinarian.

***If the above conditions are not met, or it is determined to serve the interests of animal or public health, the State Veterinarian may order an animal quarantined at the owner's expense until such time as it is released from quarantine, euthanized, slaughtered, or destroyed.***

#### **Requirements for Importation of Animals Originating in Canada**

1. All State of Alaska import requirements must be met, as described above.
2. A USDA Entry Permit issued by the National Center for Import/Export (NCIE) must be obtained: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport>, [VS-Live.Animals\\_Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:VS-Live.Animals_Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov), or (301) 851-3300.
3. Animals must be kept isolated at the destination until they are checked post-entry by the Alaska USDA APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO). It is the responsibility of the owner to contact the USDA to arrange for an inspection.

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4. Resources for additional information regarding the import of animals into the United States:
  - a. The USDA Port Veterinarian (contact information listed above).
  - b. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency: 1-800-442-2342 or 1-855-212-7695
  - c. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Import Export: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport> or [VS-Live.Animals\\_Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:VS-Live.Animals_Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov)
  - d. Customs and Border Protection (to determine if a broker is required for the shipment): <https://www.cbp.gov/contact/ports/alcan> or (907) 774-2252.