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State of Alaska Import Requirements

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RABBITS

General Importation Requirements

1. **All rabbits imported into Alaska must be accompanied by a health certificate.**
 - The document must be attached to the waybill for the animal and must accompany the animal at all times.
2. **Import Permit Requirements**: On August 11, 2020, the Office of the State Veterinarian implemented additional import requirements for rabbits due to an outbreak of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV) in multiple states. **Rabbits coming from a state with a positive detection of RHDV in domestic or wild rabbits or hares in the past 6 months or coming from a quarantine zone must have an approved import permit issued by the State of Alaska.**
3. 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.
4. No animal may be imported that originates from a quarantine area as designated by another state, federal government, or foreign country.
5. 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.

Alaska Importation Permit Requirements for Rabbits from RHDV areas

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, or the permit number written on the health certificate and identified on any other official document as "Alaska Permit No. ____."

Health Certificate/Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

1. By the order of the State Veterinarian AS 03.05.011 (a) (1): Alaska State Health Regulations (18 AAC 36.015) require all animals imported into the State to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian within 30 days of import. 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) Any ear tag or tattoo number, or microchip information;
 - (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;
 - (8) Date and place of examination; and
 - (9) Name, contact information, and signature of the certifying 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 Outside of United States

1. All State of Alaska import requirements must be met, as described above.
2. General resources for the import of animals into the United States:
 - a. USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Import
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/live-animal-imports>
 - b. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency: 1-800-442-2342 or 1-855-212-7695
 - c. Customs and Border Protection: <https://www.cbp.gov/contact/ports/alcan> or (907) 774-2252.