

# **IDAHO DOMESTIC CERVIDAE IMPORT PROCEDURE AND IMPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Domestic Cervidae is defined by IDAPA 02.04.21, Rules Governing the Importation of Animals, as “elk, fallow deer and reindeer that are owned by a person.” The following is a summary of import requirements and the procedure for the importation of domestic cervidae into Idaho. This document is directed primarily toward elk importation and does not necessarily apply to fallow deer or reindeer. The requirements for importing fallow deer and reindeer into Idaho differ from those that apply to elk. Please contact the Division of Animal Industries directly to determine the procedure and requirements for importing fallow deer and/or reindeer.

*All importation of domestic cervidae into Idaho requires application and pre-approval by the ISDA Division of Animal Industries.*

## **Import Procedure**

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1. The consignor must first complete an Idaho Domestic Cervidae Import Application. This application is completed jointly with the governing agency in the consignor’s state/province. Once complete, the application and all required supporting documentation for the consigning herd and source herds must be submitted to the ISDA Division of Animal Industries for approval.

A copy of the import application can be obtained by visiting ISDA’s website, <http://www.agri.idaho.gov>, or by contacting the Division of Animal Industries at (208) 332-8571. Please return completed applications and herd records to the Division of Animal Industries by email to [Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov](mailto:Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov), or by fax to (208) 334-4062, Attn: Miranda Juker. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. For additional information or questions, please contact Miranda Juker by phone at (208) 332-8571 or by email at [Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov](mailto:Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov).

*Note: The import application and all herd records must be authenticated and endorsed by the origin state/province governing agency. Failure to submit complete and accurate records will result in the denial of the import application.*

2. Once the consigning herd has been approved for import by the Division of Animal Industries, the testing requirements will be substantiated with the attending accredited veterinarian.
3. After any required testing and/or treatment has been completed, the administering veterinarian shall submit a preliminary copy of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), including all required testing records and supporting documentation to the ISDA for approval.
4. Once the preliminary CVI, testing records and supporting documentation has been received and approved by the ISDA, a unique import permit number will be issued directly to the attending veterinarian.

## CWD and Herd Record Requirements

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All domestic elk imported into Idaho must originate from a **CWD Certified-Free Herd** that is in good standing and actively participating in the National CWD Herd Certification Program and that has been monitored for CWD during (at a minimum) the sixty (60) months prior to import. The origin herd must not be located within a state or province's CWD endemic area, and detailed herd records for the preceding sixty (60) months must be submitted to the Division of Animal Industries for approval. The herd records must derive directly from the origin state or province's governing animal health official. If the origin herd has acquired animals from another herd during the preceding sixty (60) months, the source herd's records, for the sixty (60) months prior to acquisition, must also be submitted and approved by the ISDA Division of Animal Industries.

### **Herd Records shall include:**

- Herd name and owner name, ID number if applicable and facility location;
- Current herd size and all types of cervidae located at the facility;
- Date of enrollment in a CWD monitoring program;
- Statement indicating the herd's participation in the National CWD Herd Certification Program (HCP) and declaration of the herd's CWD "**Certified**" Herd Status;
- Declaration signifying the herd is not located within a state/province's CWD endemic area;
- Death history including CWD test results and cause of death during the preceding sixty (60) months;
- Herd imports or introductions (other than natural additions) during the preceding sixty (60) months;
- If animals have been acquired during the preceding sixty (60) months, the source herd records for sixty (60) months prior to acquisition shall also be made available;
- A disclosure statement indicating any non-compliances, CWD exposure, epidemiological investigations, and occurrences such as escapes or wildlife ingresses that have occurred during the preceding sixty (60) months;
- Tuberculosis (TB) and Brucellosis testing information for the preceding sixty (60) months and authentication of any USDA TB Accreditation or Brucellosis Certification;
- For imports from a state or province with a Red Deer Genetic Factor (RDGF) prevention program, a statement regarding the origin herd's compliance within the purity program and affirmation of Pure Herd Status.

## Certificate Requirements

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**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI):** All domestic cervidae shall have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) certifying that the animals have been inspected within thirty (30) days prior to the date of shipment. The CVI shall individually identify the animals and contain a statement showing that the animals are free from evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable disease, or known exposure thereto during the preceding sixty (60) days.

*Note: The CVI must only identify those animals which are intended to be moved into Idaho. If any animal identified on the CVI is not shipped as consigned/permitted, for any reason (i.e. injury, etc.), ISDA requests that the attending veterinarian and/or the consignor notify the ISDA as soon as possible.*

**P. tenuis Statement:** The certificate of veterinary inspection accompanying the cervidae shipment must contain the following written statement from the accredited veterinarian on the certificate: "No cervids identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have displayed symptoms consistent with P. tenuis infection. These cervids have neither been exposed to P. tenuis nor originated from premises where P. tenuis has been identified."

**In addition,** the Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued for interstate movement must contain the following information:

1. Consignor and herd of origin with complete physical address and premises identification;
2. The herd's CWD HCP status;
3. Total number of animals being moved;
4. Purpose of movement;
5. Consignee and point of destination with complete physical address;
6. All identification for each animal in shipment;
7. A statement verifying the animals are not known to be from a CWD-exposed or CWD-suspect herd.

## **Identification Requirements**

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**Individual Identification:** Each cervid imported shall be individually identified in accordance with the National CWD Herd Certification Program requirements, with two (2) forms of official identification for each animal according to IDAPA 02.04.19, Rules Governing Domestic Cervidae.

## **Destination Requirements**

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**Destination:** Imported domestic cervidae shall be delivered only to USDA approved slaughter establishments or domestic cervidae ranches that are in compliance with the Idaho domestic cervidae rules.

## **Testing and Treatment Requirements**

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**Brucellosis:** All domestic cervidae six (6) months of age and older shall be negative to at least two (2) different official brucellosis tests from a single blood sample, one (1) test of which shall be either the Rivanol or the CF tests, within thirty (30) days prior to entry, or the animals shall originate directly from a Brucellosis certified free herd or a Brucellosis class free state for cervidae. *[Note: Due to contradictions with the Rivanol test, ISDA will accept the Florescent Polarization Assay (FPA) brucellosis test in lieu of the Rivanol or CF tests.]*

**Deworming Requirement:** All cervidae are required to receive anthelmintic, approved for treatment of *P. tenuis*, within thirty (30) days prior to import into Idaho. Treatment must be documented on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

**Tuberculosis (TB):** All domestic cervidae shall be tested or moved according to the provisions of Title 9, Part 77, CFR and Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication UM&R. The following criteria are used for determining TB test requirements:

- If domestic cervidae are moving directly to slaughter, no test is needed. (CFR Title 9 Part 77.27) If domestic cervidae are moving interstate from an **accredited herd** and are accompanied by a certificate stating that the accredited herd met the testing requirements necessary for an accredited status within 24 months prior to movement, no test is needed. (CFR Title 9 Part 77.27 (b)) Supporting documentation from USDA (APHIS) or the state/province of origin must be provided to confirm the animals' accredited herd status. **Note:** At this time all Canadian domestic cervidae herds are recognized as TB accredited, but an individual TB test is required by the USDA within 60 days of international movement into US.
- If domestic cervidae are moving interstate from a **qualified or monitored herd** as provided in CFR Title 9 Part 77.36 and 77.37, the captive cervid must be individually identified and accompanied by a certificate that includes a statement verifying they have originated from a qualified or monitored herd. The certificate must also state that the captive cervids have tested negative to an individual official tuberculosis test conducted within 90 days prior to the date of movement. If a group of captive cervids from a qualified or monitored herd are being moved interstate together to the same destination, all captive cervids in the group may be moved under one certificate. (CFR Title 9 Part 77.27, 77.36 and 77.37) Supporting documentation from USDA (APHIS) or the state of origin must be provided to confirm the animals' qualified or monitored herd status.

- If domestic cervidae are moving interstate from a **non-accredited, qualified or monitored herd** they must be officially identified, and accompanied by a certificate stating that the herd from which they originated was negative to a **whole herd** test conducted within one (1) year prior to the date of movement and that the individual animals to be moved were negative to an additional official tuberculosis test conducted within 90 days prior to the date of movement. The additional test is not required if the animals are moved interstate within six (6) months following the whole herd test. (CFR Title 9 Part 77.27)
- Captive cervids not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis that originate from **all other herds** (not originating from accredited, qualified, or monitored herds) may also be moved interstate, provided that (1) they are accompanied by a certificate stating that such captive cervids have been classified negative in response to two (2) official tuberculosis tests conducted no less than 90 days apart, (2) the second test was conducted within 90 days prior to the date of movement, and (3) the animals were isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period. (USDA Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication UM&R)

**Movement of Cervidae Between AZA and USDA Facilities:** Movement of cervidae between facilities that are either AZA accredited or hold a USDA exhibitor permit are exempt from the tuberculosis testing requirements. All other movement to or from facilities that are not AZA accredited or hold a USDA exhibitor permit shall comply with the tuberculosis testing requirements.

**Red Deer Genetic Factor:** Elk shall have either tested negative for red deer genetic factor (RDGF) by a laboratory approved by the Division of Animal Industries, or shall have been registered with NAEBA, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or a state with an ISDA approved RDGF prevention program. A copy of the purity test results, NAEBA registration papers, or a statement certifying herd purity from the origin state or province must be provided to the Division of Animal Industries prior to import.

## **Permit Requirements**

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**Import Permit:** All domestic cervidae importations require an import permit issued by the Division of Animal Industries prior to import. An initial copy of all paperwork and test results must be received and approved by the Division of Animal Industries prior to permit issuance. Once the documentation is approved, a unique permit number will be issued by the ISDA directly to the attending veterinarian. The permit number shall be recorded on the CVI.

- The import permit shall be issued no more than seventy-two (72) hours prior to shipment and will be valid for a period of fifteen (15) days.
- Contents of permit request shall include the following information:
  - a. Name and address of the consignor and consignee;
  - b. Number and kind of animals;
  - c. Origin of shipment;
  - d. Final destination;
  - e. Purpose of shipment;
  - f. Method of shipment; and
  - g. Results of any required tests, inspections or vaccinations.
- Requests for cervidae import permits may be made by telephone or facsimile during normal business hours (8:00am – 5:00pm MST, Monday through Friday except holidays).
  - a. Telephone (208) 332-8571
  - b. Fax (208) 334-4062

**For additional information regarding the importation of Domestic Cervidae into Idaho, please contact Miranda Juker at (208) 332-8571 or by email at [Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov](mailto:Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov).**