

There are no specific Federal brucellosis regulations for captive/farmed cervidae since captive/farmed cervids are not part of the national brucellosis surveillance efforts. Bovine brucellosis surveillance efforts are primarily predicated on national bovine slaughter surveillance activities and an equivalent slaughter surveillance venue does not currently exist for captive/farmed cervids. The brucellosis accreditation program is a federally supported voluntary program and minimum standards and procedures are provided in the 2003 Brucellosis in Cervidae Uniform methods and Rules (UM&R).

In the absence of Federal regulations, testing requirements for interstate movement of cervidae is administered under **state authority** and those import requirements can be changed by the state. At this time there is pending language in the proposed Brucellosis /TB rule that would establish new Federal regulations towards affirming a state's brucellosis disease free status for its captive/farmed cervidae population.