

Proposed Rules
of the
Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Division of Regulatory Services

Chapter 0080-2-1
Health Requirements for Admission and
Transportation of Livestock and Poultry

Presented herein are proposed amendments of Division of Regulatory Services, Department of Agriculture submitted pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-202 in lieu of a rulemaking hearing. It is the intent of the Division of Regulatory Services, Department of Agriculture to promulgate these rules without a rulemaking hearing unless a petition requesting such hearing is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication date of the issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register in which the proposed amendments are published. Such petition to be effective must be filed with the Department of Agriculture, Box 40627, Nashville, Tennessee 37204, and the Department of State, 8th Floor, William R Snodgrass Tower, 312 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0307, and must be signed by twenty-five (25) persons who will be affected by the amendments, or submitted by a municipality which will be affected by the amendments, or an association of twenty-five (25) or more members, or any standing committee of the General Assembly.

For copies of the entire text of the proposed amendments, contact: Dr. Ronald B. Wilson, State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 40627, Nashville, Tennessee, 37204, 615-837-5120.

The text of the proposed amendments is as follows:

Amendments

Subparagraph (t) of Paragraph (1) of Rule 0080-2-1-.01 Definitions is amended by adding Part 4. so that, as amended, the subparagraph shall read:

(t) Official Health Certificate

1. An official health certificate is a legible record on a form adopted and approved for such use by the appropriate animal health official of the State of origin, prepared by an accredited veterinarian of the State of origin, certifying to the health of the animal(s) described thereon. Legal requirements shall not be met until an approved copy is forwarded by the

appropriate animal health official of the State of origin to the Tennessee State Veterinarian.

2. The health certificate shall list the name and address of the consignor and consignee and shall also reflect the origin and final destination of the animals if different. It shall include an accurate description sufficient for individual identification of the animal(s); this may include: age, sex, breed, tags, tattoos, and/or brands. It shall indicate the health status of the animals listed, including dates and results of required tests and dates of pertinent vaccinations.
3. Health certificates shall be void after thirty (30) days from date of issuance. No health certificate shall be issued except in compliance with all import requirements of the State of Tennessee, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Tennessee State Veterinarian.
4. An Equine Interstate Event Permit (equine passport) is an official document, valid for 6 months, signed by the State Veterinarian, Chief Animal Health Officer, or equivalent, of the state issuing the permit. Permits must minimally include: the owner with complete address and phone number, the official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection number that was the basis for issuing the permit, a unique permit number issued by the state, the expiration date of the permit, date of issue of the official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, a complete description of the horse including name of horse, breed, color, age, sex, date of the EIA test, laboratory performing test and laboratory accession number.

Rule 0080-2-1-.02 Paragraph (1) is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and substituting the following language so that as amended the paragraph shall read:

- (1) All domestic animals imported into Tennessee, except poultry, or those expressly exempted herein, shall be accompanied by an official health certificate or other transportation document as recognized by the state veterinarian, which shall be in possession of the driver of the vehicle transporting such animals.

Rule 0080-2-1-.06 Paragraph (1) is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and substituting the following language so that as amended the paragraph shall read:

- (1) Health Certificate – Horses, mules or other equidae transported into or through the State of Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official Health Certificate or Equine Interstate Event Permit (equine passport).

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 44-2-102 and 4-3-203.

The proposed rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 16th day of November, 2005, and pursuant to the instructions set out above, and in the absence of the filing of a petition calling for a rulemaking hearing, will become effective on the 30th day of March, 2006.