CHAPTER 5C-4
ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

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5C-4.0015 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 585.01, F.S., and the following shall apply:

(1) Accredited tuberculosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(2) Accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(3) Accredited veterinarian. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(4) Approved livestock facility. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(5) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(6) Certified brucellosis-free state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(7) Certified brucellosis-free herd. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(8) Classified brucellosis-Class A state or area. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(9) Department. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(10) Electronic Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (ECVI). An electronic certificate provided by USDA Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System or a third-party vendor approved by the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) ECVI Data Standards Subcommittee and issued by licensed and accredited veterinarians in animal's state of origin.

(11) Exhibition. Any fair allowing the displaying or presenting livestock, including poultry, to the general public for an animal exhibit or animal show.

(12) Fair(s). Annual public fair as defined in F.S. 616.001, that exhibits domestic animals.

(13) Group. One or more Animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

(14) Isolation. Separation of individual Animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one Animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another Animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another Animal.

(15) Market class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals.

(16) Official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI). As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(17) Official individual identification. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(18) Official test. A test conducted by a licensed and accredited veterinarian with method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(19) Owner. The owner of the animal or herd or the owner's authorized agent.

(20) Pseudorabies. A contagious, infectious herpesvirus, causing communicable disease of livestock and other animals also known as Aujeszky's disease or mad itch.

(21) Recognized slaughtering establishment. As defined in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.

(22) Swine brucellosis. An infectious bacterial disease caused by Brucella suis (B. suis) biovars 1 or 3, most frequently affecting swine but able to cause disease in other animals and humans.

(23) Terminal swine show. An exhibition market class consisting of swine that are isolated and housed separately from all other

animals and designated for slaughter only channels.

(24) Validated brucellosis-free herd, as defined in 9 CFR §78.1 (JAN 2024). This definition of validated brucellosis-free herd is hereby incorporated by reference and available online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17727.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 2-19-14, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.

5C-4.0016 Applications, Cards, Forms, Other Official Documents Required and Fees.

(1) USDA. The Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (DEC 2020), an USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Service (VS) form required for submitting samples and reporting results of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests. Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test VS Form 10-11 (DEC 2020) , as incorporated in subsection 5C-18.001(10), F.A.C.

(2) OCVI. Florida-licensed and accredited veterinarians may obtain the following OCVIs through the department:

(a) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09000 Rev. 06/17; for use with all species, in association with movement or sale. Cost is $65 per book of 25 certificates. Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09000 Rev. 06/17 is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-24.003, F.A.C.

(b) Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09002 Rev. 04/17; for use with equine, in association with movement or sale. Cost is $65 per book of 25 certificates. Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, FDACS-09002 Rev. 04/17 is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-24.003, F.A.C.

(c) Florida-licensed and accredited veterinarians may obtain OCVIs through electronic official certificates of veterinary inspection.

(3) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, is an official document provided by the Department to the equine owner to show proof of a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months, for purposes other than change of ownership. The document is valid for 12 months from the date the blood was drawn and is renewable annually with an associated fee of $5.00 per application (Card). The Negative EIA Test Verification Card may be applied for by submitting the Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05. Negative EIA Test Verification Card FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10037. Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09206 Rev. 10/05 is hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10038.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), (5), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 6-21-06, Amended 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) OCVI Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number and, if applicable, the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals, an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days.

(3) Inspection. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be made available for inspection by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required Official Individual Identification of the Animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(4) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any Animal in noncompliance with Animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any Animal not meeting the Official Individual Identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined at the owner's expense, by a Florida-licensed accredited veterinarian who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious diseases and pests. The accredited veterinarian's examination must take place within 24 hours of the initial inspection by the authorized representative.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 585.003, 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2), 585.16, 585.162 FS. History–New 6-21-06, Amended 10-17-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.001 General Requirements and Limitations.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 7-1-71, Amended 8-7-77, 9-30-80, Formerly 5C-4.01, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, Repealed 6-21-06.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.

(b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Official Identification Required. All cattle or bison entered for exhibition purposes, including market class animals, must have an official individual identification. If the breed registry and brand or tattoo are used to complete the identification requirements, then the breed registry number and brand or tattoo must be listed on the OCVI accompanying the animal to exhibition.

(3) Testing Requirements.

(a) Tuberculosis.

1. Florida-origin cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test.

2. Dairy Cattle. Dairy cattle imported into Florida, may be entered for exhibition provided they have:

a. a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition, or;

b. originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd in an accredited tuberculosis-free state or zone.

3. Beef Cattle. Beef cattle or bison imported into Florida may be entered for exhibition provided they have:

a. a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 60 days prior to the date of the exhibition or;

b. originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd or state.

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers; and

b. Cattle or bison originating from,

(I) a certified brucellosis-free herd. The OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test, or;

(II) a classified brucellosis-free state or area, or;

(III) Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from a classified brucellosis-Class A state or area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

Rulemaking Authority 270.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–Amended 7-25-66, 11-15-67, 1-1-70, 7-1-71, 9-1-72, 8-7-77, 8-8-79, 9-30-80, 6-26-83, Formerly 5C-4.02, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.003 Swine.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida origin swine must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation for exhibition.

(b) Swine imported for exhibition must comply with the importation requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.007, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for exhibition and must be dated within 30 days of entry.

(2) Identification. All swine, entered for exhibition purposes, including market class swine in a terminal swine show, must have official individual identification.

(3) Tests or Certification Required for Swine.

(a) Swine Brucellosis.

1. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for swine brucellosis within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;

2. Originate from a validated brucellosis-free herd, or;

3. Originate from a commercial production swine herd as defined in subsection 5C-21.002(11), F.A.C.

(b) Pseudorabies. Florida origin swine six (6) months of age or older must test negative on an official test for pseudorabies within 90 days prior to exhibition, or;

1. Originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd as defined in 9 CFR §85.1 (JAN 2024), which is incorporated by reference and available online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17888, or ;

2. Originate from an approved commercial production swine herd as defined in Rule 5C-21.002, F.A.C.

(4) Exemptions.

(a) Market class swine for exhibition in a terminal swine show are exempt from the OCVI and testing requirements provided all animals in the terminal swine show are transported directly to a recognized slaughter establishment or approved livestock facility in designated slaughter channels, within 7 days of the show date. At the end of the terminal swine show, the swine owner(s) must ensure:

1. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of a recognized slaughter establishment, within 7 days of the end of the show, or;

2. Swine are transported directly from the terminal swine show to the possession of an approved livestock facility in designated slaughter only channels, within 7 days of the show.

(b) Owners must maintain swine show records for a period of two (2) years. The records must include:

1. Official individual identification of each animal, and;

2. Individual or business name and contact phone number of the entity transporting the swine from the terminal swine show to the recognized slaughter or approved livestock facility, and;

3. The name, physical address and delivery date to the recognized slaughtering establishment, or approved livestock facility where the swine were delivered.

(c) All swine referenced in subsection 5C-4.003(4)(a), F.A.C., must be held in isolation and only commingled with other swine in slaughter channels until slaughtered.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(1), (2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 3-21-64, Amended 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, Formerly 5C-4.03, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 3-17-25.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

(1) OCVI Requirements.

(a) An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites imported into Florida as specified per Rule 5C-3.012, F.A.C. An OCVI for entry into exhibition is required and must be dated within 30 days of entry or the animals must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.

(b) Florida origin poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated within 90 days prior to exhibition or must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(3), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (Jan. 2018), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. 9 CFR §145 (Jan. 2018) and §147 (JAN 2018) are hereby incorporated by reference and available

online at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10045.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.36(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 11-21-18, 12-8-24, Technical Change 3-9-26.

5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition, except lamb or kids less than three months of age and accompanied by their dam.

(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.005, F.A.C. An OCVI is required for entry into and Exhibition and must be dated within 30 days prior to entry.

(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have official individual identification, except lambs or kids under three months of age accompanied by their dam that has official individual identification.

(3) Tests or Certification Required.

(a) All dairy goats imported into the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days are exempted from the import testing requirements in subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C., provided:

1. The animals originate from:

a. Accredited tuberculosis-free states or herds, and

b. Certified brucellosis-free herds or classified brucellosis-Class A states or areas.

2. The animals return to the state of origin within 30 days of entry into Florida, and

3. The animals' milk is not used for human or pet consumption in Florida.

(b) Dairy goats that remain in Florida for more than 30 days must meet the brucellosis and tuberculosis import testing requirements in the subsection 5C-3.005(4), F.A.C.

(c) There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats, pygmy goats, or Florida-origin dairy goats.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(1), (2), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 1-3-19, 12-8-24.

5C-4.006 Violation of Rules.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(1), (2), (3), 585.004, 585.005, 585.08(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2), (3), 585.007(1), (2) FS. History–New 6-29-62, Formerly 5C-4.06, Repealed 1-19-95.

5C-4.007 Sheep.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-4.008 Equine.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) An OCVI is required for all equine imported into Florida as specified in Rule 5C-3.003, F.A.C.

(b) Equine are not required to have an OCVI for exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All Equine presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition. The negative EIA test must be reported on:

(a) Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test, VS Form 10-11 (2020), as incorporated in subsection 5C-18.001(10), F.A.C.

(b) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, FDACS-09160 Rev. 08/18, as incorporated in subsection 5C-4.0016(3), F.A.C.

(c) EIA reporting form approved by the USDA and another state's animal health official, including electronic EIA laboratory test. An electronic EIA laboratory test may be presented on an electronic device if:

1. The electronic reporting form is in the original format and has not been altered, and

2. Is of size and image quality to provide a clear, legible document; and

3. The device properly displays all document information.

(3) Exemption to Test Requirement. A foal under six (6) months of age is not required to have a negative EIA test if it is accompanied by its dam which has met the EIA test requirement.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(15), 570.36(2), 585.08(3), 585.145 FS. History–New 1-19-95, Amended 6-4-95, 6-21-06, 10-17-18, 12-8-24.

5C-4.009 Other Species.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.

5C-4.010 Penalties for Violations.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4) FS. Law Implemented 585.007, 585.145(3) FS. History–New 1-19-95, Repealed 6-4-95.