

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES
Rules of the State of Florida CHAPTER 5C-4
Admission of Animals for Exhibition
Intrastate Guidelines Covering Exhibition Animals

SC-4.001 General Requirements and Limitations

- (1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) required. All animals for exhibition in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.
 - (a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, names and registration number, and permanent identification such as tattoo, ear tag number, microchip number, or brand.
 - (b) Results of a specific test requirement or head certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd certification or validation.
- (2) For exhibition purposes only, 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. For importation into the State, OCVI is valid for 30 days pursuant to paragraph 5C-3.002(1)(c).
- (3) Exception to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in the State of Florida and entered in market classes provided that the animals are segregated from other animals, and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.
- (4) **Prior to acceptance of the exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed by the State of Florida, or by a Department representative for:**
 - (a) The required identification of the animal;
 - (b) Clinical signs of disease; and
 - (c) Evidence of compliance with test requirements.
- (5) Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection or any animal which is known to be exposed must be:
 - (a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
 - (b) Examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.
- (6) All vehicles transporting animals for exhibition in Florida shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to the loading of such animals.

5C-4.0015 Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Accredited veterinarian. A licensed veterinarian who has been approved to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative federal-state programs by the Deputy Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, in accordance with the provisions of 9 CFR 161 (1993).
- (2) Animal(s). This term shall include:
 - (a) Livestock including grazing animals such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hoofed animals;
 - (b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;
 - (c) Domesticated fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial, exhibition, or breeding purposes, or as pets; and
 - (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of the state.
- (3) Department Representative. An employee of the Department who is authorized to perform animal health regulatory activities regarding the prevention, control and eradication of certain infectious or communicable diseases of animals.
- (4) Exhibition. An assembly of animals for the purpose of competition or public presentation including but not limited to fairs, shows, and rodeo events.
- (5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact.
- (6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra or other equidae.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals where all animals in the class go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

- (9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). An official form approved by the senior animal health official of the state of origin or an equivalent form from the USDA, which is a complete and legible certificate issued by a veterinarian who is licensed and accredited in the state of origin.
- (10) Official Test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.
- (11) Segregated. The maintenance of one group of animals so as to prevent physical contact with another group of animals.
- (12) Materials. Title 9 CFR 161 (1994) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, DC 20402-9328.

5C-4.002 Cattle

Effective June 13, 2001, USDA, APHIS, VS, recognized Florida as a Cattle Brucellosis Class "Free" State.

1. OCVI Required. Cattle for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation and must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certifications listed in 5C-4.002(2), F.A.C.
2. Test or Certification Required.
 - (a) Tuberculosis.
 1. Cattle may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test provided the OCVI identifies the cattle as originating from a Tuberculosis-Free State as defined in rule 5C-7.016(3), Florida Administrative Code, and Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, as defined in rule 5C-7.016(1), Florida Administrative Code, or a herd not under quarantine in a Modified Accredited Tuberculosis State, as defined in rule 5C-7.016(23), Florida Administrative Code. When accredited, the herd accreditation number must be recorded on the OCVI.
 2. Other cattle may be entered for exhibition provided the cattle originated from a herd not under quarantine and have a negative test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
 3. A positive test on any animal in a designated group, disqualifies all animals of the group from exhibition.
 - (b) Brucellosis.
 1. Vaccination Required. All female dairy cattle four months of age or older born after Jan. 1, 1984 must be officially calf hood vaccinated.
 2. Test Required. Cattle from herds not under quarantine in Class A areas must have evidence of a negative test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.
3. Exemption from Required Test.
 - a. Steers and spayed heifers are exempt from the brucellosis test requirement.
 - b. Cattle identified on the OCVI as originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, as defined in Rule 5C-6.002, Florida Administrative Code, or a Class Free Area, as defined by subparagraph 5C-6.0031(4)(c)3., Florida Administrative Code, are exempt from the brucellosis test requirement. When certified, the herd certification number must be recorded on the OCVI.
 - c. Cattle from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A areas are exempt from Brucellosis test requirements provided that cattle are:
 1. Under 18 months of age; or
 2. Official calf hood vaccinates of beef breeds under 24 months of age; or
 3. Official calf hood vaccinates of dairy herds under 20 months of age; and
 4. Not parturient or post parturient.

Note on Dairy Cattle: Prior to issuance of OCVI, dairy cattle that have not been vaccinated against Brucellosis must have proof of negative Brucellosis test within 30 days. This will remain valid, for exhibition, for 90 days.

5C-4.003 Swine

1. OCVI Required. All breeding swine for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation and must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certification listed in 5C-4.003(2).
2. Test or Certification Required.
 - (a) Brucellosis. All breeding swine over 6 months of age entered for exhibition, excluding barrows and gilts in market classes, must originate from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd, as defined in rule 5C-6.008 Florida Administrative Code, or must be recorded negative to a Brucellosis test within 30 days of exhibition. When validated, the validated herd number must be on OCVI.

- (b) Pseudo rabies. All breeding swine over 6 months of age entered for exhibition, excluding barrows and gilts in market classes, must originate from a Qualified Pseudo rabies-Free Herd, as defined in rule 5C-21.005(2), Florida Administrative Code, or must be negative to a pseudo rabies test within 30 days of exhibition. When qualified, the qualified herd number must be on OCVI.
- 3. Isolation. Swine returning to the farm from exhibitions must be isolated from other swine at least 30 days before being returned to the herd. Breeding swine for exhibition must be maintained in isolation between exhibitions or moved directly between exhibitions.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl and Ratites

- 1. OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for domestic fowl and ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However, domestic fowl and ratites presented for exhibition. However, domestic Fowl and ratites presented for exhibition without an OCVI, must be inspected as provided in subsection 5c-4.01 (4), F.A.C
- 2. Test or Certification Required. All domestic fowl and ratites entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as defined in rule 5C-16.008, F.A.C, or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition.

5C-4.005 Goats & 5C-4.007 Sheep

- 1. OCVI Required. Goats and sheep for exhibition in Florida must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation. Goats must be accompanied by evidence of completion of the test requirements or certifications listed in subsection 5C-7.016 (1),F.A.C.
- 2. Test or Certification Required.
 - (a) Tuberculosis: All Goats & sheep over 6 months of age must have a negative Tuberculin test within 90 days prior to exhibition or must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free herd, as defined in subsection 5C-7.016(1) Florida Administrative Code. When accredited, the accredited herd number must be recorded on the OCVI.
 - (b) Brucellosis: All goats & sheep over 6 months of age must be negative to a Brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition or must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free herd. A certified Brucellosis - Free-Goat Herd is a herd which meets the requirements for a Certified Brucellosis - Free Herd as set forth in Rule 5C-6.002, F.A.C. When certified, the certified herd number must be recorded on the OCVI.

NOTE: The permanent identification number of each animal must be included on the OCVI. The OCVI must include a statement that each sheep or goat is free of the clinical signs of the diseases: caseous lymphadenitis, contagious ecthyma (Orf), chlamydial keratoconjunctivitis, contagious footrot, scabies, and scrapie.

National Sheep and Goat Scrapie Eradication Program, Effective July 1, 2004:

This information is presented to clarify the mandatory identification requirements for sheep and goats under the National Scrapie Eradication Program. There are two components of the identification requirements that must be met before sheep and goats are allowed to move into the state or within Florida (intrastate) for shows, exhibitions, and fairs.

All sheep and goats are required to be individually identified except non-breeding animals less than 18 months of age going directly to slaughter.

“Directly to slaughter” means consigned to a USDA Recognized Slaughtering Establishment.

1. Premises Identification - Before official individual animal identification tags can be issued, the owner/agent must register the premises on which the animal is located and obtain a premises identification number from USDA.

NOTE: The premises must be registered before the exhibitor can revive the official individual ear tag for each animal. The official tags must be applied to the exhibitor’s animals prior to presenting them for exhibition. Official ear tags must be affixed by FFA, 4-H leaders or by a representative of the Livestock Show.

2. Individual Animal Identification - Once the premises is registered, the owner/agent will receive official individual animal identification tags for identifying each sheep and goat. Applicator pliers will be provided to FFA, 4-H leaders and/or Fair/livestock/show committee for assisting exhibitors in application of the official ear tags.

NOTE: Sheep and goats must be officially identified before commingling with other groups of animals. For registered purebred sheep and goats identified with a permanent official breed registration number, official ear tags are not required. However, upon presentation of such animals for exhibition, a copy of the breed registration certificate must accompany each animal.

5C-4.005 Goats & 5C-4.007 Sheep: Continued

Types of identification that are acceptable include (for sheep and goat):

Official eartags: APHIS approved tamper resistant ear tags which include the premises identification number combined with a unique animal identification number.

Legible official registry tattoos that have been recorded in the book of record of a sheep or goat registry association when the animal is accompanied by either a registration certificate or a certificate of veterinary inspection.

participating in the Voluntary Scrapie-free Flock Certification Program:

Electronic Implants can be used, but it must be accompanied by an owner statement that included the electronic implant numbers and the name of the chip manufacturer (owner should have their own chip reader as well).

For animals going directly to a USDA recognized slaughter facility:

USDA Backtags or official premises identification back-tags that include a unique animal identification number (applied within 3 inches of the poll on the dorsal (upper) surface of the head or neck.

For breeds of animals without sufficient ear tissue for tagging:

Premises identification tattoos, if the premises identification tattoo is legible and consists of the flock number and a unique animal number, or if the premises identification tattoo is legible and combined with an ear tag that has a unique animal number.

5C-4.006 Violation of Rules

Specific 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.

Violation of Rules:

Any person, firm or corporation which violates this chapter is subject to prosecution by law. Exhibitors will be required to furnish registration papers which will be checked by the Show Secretary as evidence of ownership of the animal, as well as date of birth, sire and dam, and such other information as usually required on registration certificates. REGISTRATION PENDING will require a letter from the respective Breed Association indicating "Registration Applied For".

5C-4.008 Equine

Horses, mules, zebras or other Equidae presented for exhibition must have an OCVI and a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) with 12 months. Foals under 6 months of age, accompanied by their dams, are exempt from the EIA test.

5C-4.009 Other Species

Any animal for exhibition, not specifically provided for in this Chapter, must be accompanied by an OCVI.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS ALL EXHIBITORS

1. All entries and awards in all livestock departments shall be subject to the rules and regulations published in the premium list.
2. Entries close: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1st.
3. All warts must be removed prior to arrival on fairgrounds.
4. Special rules for the physically challenged will apply.
5. No changes will be allowed once entry forms are received; however, substitutions will be accepted up to **January 5** (unless otherwise listed).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE PARTICIPANTS

1. The drive-in entry for Livestock/Agriculture will continue to be Gate 4 off livestock area.
2. Effective August 17, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Expositions, Inc. voted that there would be absolutely **no** animal sales to the public, with the exception of those amended by the Board, during the annual Fair. Rules and regulations have been revised to reflect this Fair Board action.
3. The IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the South Florida Fair shall govern the competitions at the South Florida Fair.
4. Except as otherwise permitted by law, NO DOGS are allowed in any exhibit tent/building unless they are scheduled for a demonstration or competition.
5. Each exhibitor must complete, in it's entirety, an entry form to receive premium monies.