

**LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK INTO
NEW JERSEY**

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GENERAL

No animal, including poultry, affected with a transmissible disease shall be brought into the State of New Jersey except under quarantine and by special permit.

HORSES, MULES AND ASSES

When imported into the State, all animals must be accompanied by a health certificate containing thereon a description of the animal; the type, species, breed, age, sex, color and marking, issued by a qualified veterinarian and approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state or country of origin, certifying that the animals are free from communicable diseases and have not originated in a quarantined area, nor have they, as far as can be determined, been recently exposed to any communicable, infectious or parasitic disease. A copy of the approved health certificate shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, so that it will reach Trenton before the arrival of the animals at destination.

DAIRY AND BREEDING CATTLE AND GOATS

Tuberculosis

(a) Dairy and breeding cattle and goats consigned to New Jersey must originate in an accredited tuberculosis-free herd or in a herd of comparable health status in a modified tuberculosis accredited free area.

Note:

Animals are in no instance eligible if they originate in a herd in which tuberculosis has been disclosed within the preceding 12 months, unless such infected herd has been retested and restored to the status of an accredited tuberculosis-free herd.

(b) When animals have been born since the last regular tuberculin test in herds which meet the requirements set forth in this regulation, if purchased for shipment to New Jersey, a letter from the herd owner attesting to the fact that such animals were born of tested animals in this herd must be filed with the (state veterinarian) livestock sanitary official of the state or country of origin. Such letters of certification may be accepted as sufficient warranty by the livestock sanitary official of the state or country of origin for certification of the animals to New Jersey - provided they otherwise comply with these regulations.

(c) All cattle must be tuberculin tested within 30 days of shipment by a regularly employed state or federal veterinarian or by an approved veterinarian in accord with federal and state requirements; and they must be identified by registration name and number or by a proper approved metal ear tag.

(d) That all the above qualifications have been met must be certified to by the livestock sanitary official of the state or country in which the cattle originated by a statement made to this effect on the chart covering test made for shipment. One copy of the test chart shall accompany the animals in transit and one copy must be sent to the office of the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, so as to arrive in advance of the arrival of animals at destination in New Jersey.

(e) All shipments of dairy and breeding cattle are to be held in quarantine on arrival at destination until inspected and released by a representative of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Notification of the arrival of the cattle in New Jersey must be sent by the consignee to the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, within three days immediately following their arrival at destination within the state.

CANADIAN IMPORTATIONS

The State Board of Agriculture at its meeting on August 28, 1946 ordered that on and after November 1, 1946, only purebred cattle which comply otherwise with the regulations for importation into New Jersey shall be eligible for entry from Canada; that such cattle must be tuberculin tested by a salaried veterinarian employed by the Health of Animals Division of the Dominion of Canada; that they must have originated in fully accredited tuberculosis-free herds or in herds of like standing in tuberculosis-free areas within the Dominion and must be shipped direct from point of origin in Canada to New Jersey, and shall be accompanied by health charts carrying the endorsement of the veterinarian in charge or his designated agent of the Health of Animals Division of the Dominion of Canada.

Brucellosis

Cattle for dairy and breeding purposes, feeder cows, heifers and bulls of beef breeds, including calves and cattle for exhibition purposes, may be imported into the state, provided they come directly from:

(a) Herds officially accredited brucellosis-free or qualified herds in modified accredited brucellosis-free areas, in which all animals in the herd over six months of age, were negative to an official test for brucellosis within twelve months of entry, and the animals for entry were negative to an official blood test within thirty days prior to the date of entry.

(b) Herds under Federal-State supervision for the control of brucellosis, in which all animals in the herd over six months of age were negative to an official blood test within three months of entry, and the animals for entry were negative to an official blood test within thirty days prior to the date of entry -- such test not to be applied within thirty days of the date of the previous herd test.

(c) Unvaccinated calves under six months of age will not be required to be blood tested prior to entry, provided they are identified as the progeny and come directly from negative or accredited brucellosis-free herds in accordance with paragraphs (a) or (b).

(d) Cattle vaccinated under Federal-State supervision with *Brucella abortus* vaccine between four and eight months of age which originate in herds in accordance with paragraphs (a) or (b), wherein all unvaccinated animals over six months of age and all vaccinated animals over two years of age are negative to one or more official blood tests, may be imported into the State, provided they are negative to an official blood test within thirty days prior to the date of entry.

(e) Cattle vaccinated under Federal-State supervision with *Brucella abortus* vaccine between four and eight months of age, which originate in herds in accordance with paragraphs (a) or (b) may be imported into the State within eighteen months after vaccination if not negative or without an official blood test, but the importation shall be at the request of the purchaser and subject to the approval and special written permit issued by the Director of the Division of Animal Industry.

A special written permit for the importation of vaccinated cattle, which are not negative to an official brucellosis test, or have not been tested since vaccination, is necessary in order to meet the health requirements for the establishment and maintenance of brucellosis-free herds and areas, and in order that such animals may be kept under supervision and their destination known.

(f) Cattle vaccinated under Federal-State supervision with *Brucella abortus* vaccine between four and eight months of age, which originate in herds not meeting requirements under paragraphs (a) and (b) may be imported into this state within eighteen months after vaccination if not negative or without an official blood test upon request of the purchaser, and shall be subject to the approval and special written permit issued by the Director, Division of Animal Industry.

A special written permit for the importation of vaccinated cattle, which are not negative to an official brucellosis test, or have not been tested since vaccination, is necessary in order to meet the health requirements for the establishment and maintenance of brucellosis-free herds and areas, and in order that such animals may be kept under supervision and their destination known.

(g) Cattle for dairy and breeding purposes, feeder cows, heifers and bulls of beef breeds not provided for in above classifications may enter the state provided they were negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty days prior to entry. Such cattle will not be eligible for additions to herds and quarantined areas under Federal-State supervision for the control of brucellosis.

Tests for brucellosis shall be conducted in a state laboratory, or in a laboratory approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state or country where the cattle originate.

IDAHO AND WYOMING IMPORTATIONS

By virtue of the authority granted under Chapter 207, Laws of 1947, the State Board of Agriculture at its meeting on July 17, 1947, designated the State of Idaho and at its meeting on December 17, 1947, the State of Wyoming, as sources from which cattle may be imported into New Jersey without the requirement of a tuberculin test or brucellosis test within thirty days prior to importation, provided such cattle are identified by ear tag, tattoo or registration name and number and such identification is recorded on the accompanying health certificate which shall include a

statement that the animals originated in a modified accredited area and are free from and have not recently been exposed to contagious, infectious or parasitic diseases, as required by law, the certificate to carry the approval of the livestock sanitary official of the point of origin, and further provided that such cattle upon arrival in New Jersey shall be held in quarantine until officially tuberculin tested and brucellosis tested at the owner's expense within ten days following the arrival in New Jersey and until the cattle are released by the Department.

FEEDER CATTLE

Feeder steers and spayed heifers may be brought into the State of New Jersey without a brucellosis test certificate but shall be accompanied by an approved health chart certifying that they have passed a tuberculin test within 30 days of the date of shipment without evidence of reaction.

The consignee is instructed to notify the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, immediately after the cattle are received at point of destination within the state.

Feeder steers and spayed heifers upon arrival at destination shall be maintained separate and apart from all other cattle until inspected and released by an authorized agent of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

PUBLIC STOCKYARDS AND AUCTIONS

No cattle approved for entry into the state as free from tuberculosis or brucellosis shall be assembled, handled or confined in any public stockyards, livestock auction, sales stable or yards, unless they are properly segregated in thoroughly cleaned and disinfected pens to prevent their exposure to infective cattle or premises.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Cattle conforming to the preceding tuberculosis and brucellosis requirements shall be accompanied by a health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state or country of origin. The certificate shall contain a statement certifying that the cattle are free from any evidence of an infectious or transmissible disease, and have not been recently exposed to any communicable, infectious or parasitic disease. The certificate shall also contain the tuberculosis and brucellosis status of the herd from which the imported cattle originate, results of brucellosis and tuberculosis tests, description, age, tag or tattoo number, specific brand, registry name and number of each animal to be imported and names and addresses of the owner, consignor and consignee. The officially approved health certificate shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, before the arrival of cattle at destination.

The health certificate for the importation of calves under six months of age as provided in paragraph (c) under Brucellosis, shall include the identification of the dam and tuberculosis and brucellosis status of the herd in which the calves originate.

The health certificate covering importation of cattle vaccinated as

calves under official supervision shall contain a statement as evidence of official vaccination, age of cattle when vaccinated and date of vaccination.

TEST AFTER ENTRY

Imported cattle, upon their arrival within the state, shall be quarantined and subjected to an official test for brucellosis. Animals found upon such test, to be free of the disease, shall be released from quarantine; animals showing a positive reaction to the test shall be sent immediately to slaughter, or returned to point of origin under an arrangement with the livestock sanitary official of that state, and animals giving a suspicious reaction to the test shall be disposed of as recommended by the Director of the Division of Animal Industry.

ADDITIONS TO SUPERVISED HERDS

All imported animals added to supervised herds operating under plans of the Department shall meet the rules and regulations outlined in the agreements for herd additions.

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF CATTLE ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1955

On and after July first, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, only bovine animals which are negative to a test administered with - in thirty days prior to entry into New Jersey and which also have had an official calfhood vaccination or are from an accredited brucellosis free herd may be imported into New Jersey, except that animals under the age of two years which are accompanied by an official certificate of vaccination may be imported without said test.

IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER

Cattle may be imported into this state for immediate slaughter when consigned by railroad to a public stockyard or abattoir having state, federal or other veterinary inspection approved by the department or when permission for such importation, in writing, is obtained from the director of the division of animal industry at the time shipment is made. When cattle entering under such written permission have reached their destination the owner or custodian shall immediately notify the director, division of animal industry, at Trenton, either by telegraph or telephone, of their arrival and shall hold them in quarantine separated from other cattle and stock, at the point of destination, until slaughtered under the supervision of the approved veterinary meat inspector who shall make a report to the director of the division of animal industry attesting to the slaughter of all stock covered by the permit.

SWINE

Swine for feeding or breeding purposes may be imported into New Jersey when they have been immunized with a protective dose of anti-hog cholera serum or serum and virus prior to date of importation. Such shipment must be accompanied by a copy of the veterinarian's certificate of

inoculation attached to the waybill and a copy of the certificate must be forwarded immediately to the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton.

SHEEP

Sheep must be free from scab and any contagious, infectious or communicable disease.

SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS OR HORSES - For Immediate Slaughter

Such animals may be shipped to public stock yards or recognized slaughtering centers where federal inspection is maintained. Reports of any and all shipments must be made in writing to the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, setting forth the number and kind of animals so moved.

Other than provided for in the preceding paragraph, livestock for immediate slaughter shall not be moved into New Jersey until permission for such importation is obtained in writing from the Director of the Division of Animal Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton. No permits shall be issued unless the animals are consigned to state approved slaughtering establishments where authorized veterinary meat inspection is maintained.

DOGS

Regulation 1. Any dog brought into the State, except those entering for exhibition or breeding purposes only, shall be accompanied by a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian of the State or Province of its origin, which certificate shall be forwarded immediately to the local board of health having jurisdiction and by it to the Veterinarian-in-Charge of the Rabies Control Unit of the State Department of Health. The certificate shall show that the dog is free from rabies and other communicable disease, and has not been recently exposed to any such disease; also, it shall give the breed, sex, age, point of origin and destination, and the name and Post Office address of the consignee and consignor. If the dog has been vaccinated, the health certificate shall include the date of vaccination.

If such certificate is not provided, the animal may be subjected to quarantine at the discretion of the local board of health.

Regulation 2. No animal confined by quarantine established by order of the Director of Health of the State of New Jersey or the local board of health pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 26:4-84, as the result of the presence of rabies in any area within the State of New Jersey, shall be moved to an area not under quarantine unless it be accompanied by a certificate showing the breed, sex, age, point of origin and destination and the name and Post Office address of the consignee and consignor. If the dog has been vaccinated the health certificate shall include the date of vaccination.

WHO MAY INSPECT

Certificates of health shall be acceptable only when examination and tests have been conducted by licensed, graduate veterinarians, veterinarians approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, veterinarians in the

employ of the United States Department of Agriculture or state livestock sanitary board or employees of the Health of Animal Division of the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada. All health certificates must bear the signature of approval of the livestock sanitary official of the state or country of origin.

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