

Board of Animal Health
Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Scrapie Eradication

IMPORTATION

1700.1810 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. Scope. The definitions in this part apply to parts 1700.1810 to 1700.1860.

Subp. 2. Commingled. "Commingled" means animals are grouped together so that they have physical contact with each other, including contact through a fence or sharing the same section in a transportation unit where there is physical contact.

Subp. 3. Flock. "Flock" means sheep, goats, or both maintained on a single premises, or sheep, goats, or both maintained under common ownership or supervision on two or more premises with animal interchange between the premises.

Subp. 4. Official identification. "Official identification" means identification approved by the board and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services for use in the scrapie eradication program as outlined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 79.2, identification of sheep and goats in interstate commerce.

Subp. 5. Premises. "Premises" means a distinct tract of land with an animal production facility.

Subp. 6. Restricted-movement feeder animal. "Restricted-movement feeder animal" means a sheep or goat that is less than 18 months of age as evidenced by the eruption of the second incisor, is not pregnant, has never given birth or aborted, is not commingled with breeding animals from other flocks, and will be slaughtered at less than 18 months of age.

Subp. 7. Slaughter channels. An animal is in a "slaughter channel" if it is sold, transferred, or moved to:

- A. a slaughter facility;
- B. an individual for custom slaughter; or
- C. a terminal feedlot for later slaughter at less than 18 months of age.

Subp. 8. Terminal feedlot. "Terminal feedlot" means a facility that exists for the express purpose of improving an animal's condition for slaughter and from which animals are moved only to slaughter.

1700.1820 REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION.

Goats or sheep imported into Minnesota must be identified with official identification complying with Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 79.2, except as provided in items A to D:

A. goats or sheep less than 18 months of age that are going directly to slaughter at a slaughtering establishment having federal inspection;

B. restricted-movement feeder animals that are moved to a state-federal approved livestock market that has an official veterinarian and restricts the sale of sheep and goats without official identification to slaughter channels in a manner approved by the board;

C. restricted-movement feeder animals that are moved under permit from the board to a terminal feedlot; and

D. goats or sheep moved for grazing or similar management reasons if the goats or sheep are moved from a premises owned or leased by the owner of the goats or sheep to another premises owned or leased by the owner of the goats or sheep and the goats or sheep are not commingled with sheep or goats from other flocks.

1700.1830 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION.

Goats or sheep imported into Minnesota must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian, except as provided in items A and B:

A. goats or sheep going directly to slaughter at a slaughtering establishment having federal inspection; and

B. goats or sheep consigned to a state-federal approved market that has an official veterinarian.

1700.1840 CONTENTS OF CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION.

Certificates of veterinary inspection must show:

A. the individual official identification number of each animal, except as provided in subitems (1) and (2):

(1) restricted-movement feeder animals when moved under permit from the board to a terminal feedlot; and

(2) goats or sheep moved for grazing or similar management reasons as described in part 1700.1820, item D; and

B. the permit number where required.

1700.1850 REQUIREMENT FOR IMPORT PERMIT.

A permit must be obtained prior to importation of the following:

A. a restricted-movement feeder animal that is being moved to a terminal feedlot as described in part 1700.1820, item C;

B. goats or sheep from a flock that is currently under quarantine; and

C. goats or sheep from a flock that is currently designated as an exposed flock, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 79.1.

1700.1860 PROHIBITED IMPORTS.

No goat or sheep that is currently designated as scrapie positive, suspect, or high-risk as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 79.1, or that is from a flock that is currently designated as a scrapie source, infected, or noncompliant flock as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 79.1, may be imported into Minnesota.

1705.2700 FEDERAL COMPLIANCE.

Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, sections 54 and 79, govern the scrapie control and eradication program in parts 1705.2700 to 1705.2750.

SCRAPIE ERADICATION

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Subp. 2. Commingled. "Commingled" means animals are grouped together so that they have physical contact with each other, including contact through a fence or sharing the same section in a transportation unit where there is physical contact.

Subp. 3. Flock. "Flock" means sheep, goats, or both maintained on a single premises, or sheep, goats, or both maintained under common ownership or supervision on two or more premises with animal interchange between the premises.

Subp. 4. Official identification. "Official identification" means identification approved by the board and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services for use in the scrapie eradication program as outlined in Code of Federal Regulations, section 79.2, identification of sheep and goats in interstate commerce.

Subp. 5. Premises. "Premises" means a distinct tract of land with an animal production facility.

Subp. 6. Restricted-movement feeder animal. "Restricted-movement feeder animal" means a sheep or goat that is less than 18 months of age as evidenced by the eruption of the second incisor, is not pregnant, has never given birth, is not commingled with breeding animals from other flocks, and will be slaughtered at less than 18 months of age.

Subp. 7. Restricted-movement certificate. "Restricted-movement certificate" is a board-approved form used to accompany restricted-movement feeder animals that do not have official identification when moved from one premises to another premises and which restricts the animals to slaughter channels.

Subp. 8. Slaughter channels. An animal is in a "slaughter channel" if it is sold, transferred, or moved to:

- A. a slaughter facility;
- B. an individual for custom slaughter; or
- C. a terminal feedlot for later slaughter at less than 18 months of age.

Subp. 9. Terminal feedlot. "Terminal feedlot" means a facility that exists for the express purpose of improving an animal's condition for slaughter and from which animals are moved only to slaughter.

1705.2720 DISEASE REPORTING.

A person who knows or reasonably suspects that an animal is infected with scrapie must report that knowledge or suspicion to the board immediately.

1705.2730 REGISTRATION.

Persons who buy or sell sheep or goats in Minnesota must register their flocks with the board.

1705.2740 IDENTIFICATION.

Subpart 1. Sheep and goats requiring official identification. All sheep and goats must be identified with official identification upon movement from the flock to another location and before being commingled with sheep and goats from other flocks, except restricted-movement feeder animals as described in subpart 2.

Subp. 2. Sheep and goats not requiring official identification. A restricted-movement feeder animal that has not been designated as scrapie positive, suspect, high-risk, or exposed as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 79.1, may be moved without official identification to:

- A. a state-approved livestock market that has an official veterinarian and restricts the sale of unidentified animals to slaughter channels in a manner approved by the board;
- B. a slaughtering establishment, either directly or through market channels; or
- C. a terminal feedlot, either directly or through market channels, when accompanied by a restricted movement certificate.

Subp. 3. Removal of unidentified sheep and goats from slaughter channels. No sheep or goat that has been sold, moved, or transferred into slaughter channels, including a sheep or goat in a terminal feedlot, may be removed from slaughter channels. No sheep or goat may be removed from slaughtering establishments or yards immediately contiguous to slaughtering establishments without first obtaining a permit from the board under part 1720.1080.

Subp. 4. Removal of official identification. No person may tamper with or remove any official identification without prior permission from the board.

1705.2750 REQUIRED RECORDS.

Subpart 1. Persons who apply official identification.

A. A person who applies official identification that has been assigned directly to the producer must maintain the following records:

- (1) date the identification was applied;
- (2) number of sheep and goats identified;
- (3) identification numbers applied; and
- (4) name and address of the flock of birth, if different from the current flock.

B. Market, auction, sale, or extension personnel or accredited veterinarians who apply official identification that is not assigned to the producer must maintain the following records:

- (1) date the identification was applied;
- (2) number of sheep and goats identified;
- (3) serial tag numbers applied; and
- (4) name and address of the flock where the animal currently or most recently resided.

Subp. 2. Persons who purchase, acquire, sell, or dispose of sheep and goats.

A. A person who purchases or acquires a sheep or goat must maintain normal business records that include the following:

- (1) date of purchase or acquisition;
- (2) name and address of the person from whom the animals were purchased or acquired;
- (3) species, breed, and class of animal;

- (4) number of animals purchased or acquired; and
- (5) certificate of veterinary inspection, when required.

B. A person who sells or disposes of a sheep or goat must maintain normal business records that include the following:

- (1) date of sale or disposition;
- (2) name and address of the buyer or person who acquired the animals;
- (3) species, breed, and class of animal;
- (4) number of animals sold or disposed of;
- (5) certificate of veterinary inspection, when required; and
- (6) the official identification number of any sheep or goat sold for breeding

purposes.

Subp. 3. Record retention and availability. All business records relating to sheep and goat movement including those described in subparts 1 and 2 must be maintained for at least five years after the person has sold or otherwise disposed of the sheep or goat and be available for inspection and copying at any reasonable time by any authorized agent of the board.

EXHIBITION

1715.0110 EXHIBITION OF SHEEP OR GOATS.

~~Sheep must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition.~~

Subpart 1. Official identification. Official identification as defined in part 1705.2710, subpart 4, is required for all goats or sheep to be exhibited.

Subp. 2. Exhibition of sheep or goats that are within 30 days of giving birth. No sheep or goat that is within 30 days of giving birth, either before or after birthing, or that has a vaginal discharge may be exhibited, except with prior approval from the board and if the following conditions are met:

A. the sheep or goat is housed separately from sheep and goats from other flocks so that direct contact does not occur;

B. the sheep or goat is maintained in a separate area for the duration of the exhibition and does not move to any other area within the exhibition where sheep and goats from other flocks are housed or exhibited at any time;

C. the area housing the sheep or goat can be properly cleaned and disinfected;

D. when a sheep or goat gives birth, the placenta, placental fluids, and soiled bedding are removed immediately and disposed of in a manner that prevents it from coming in contact with other animals at the exhibition; and

E. once the sheep or goat leaves the exhibition, the area is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in a manner approved by the board.

1715.0160 CATTLE, GOATS, SWINE, POULTRY, AND SHEEP.

All cattle, goats, swine, poultry, and sheep must meet all requirements in parts 1715.0005 to 1715.0162 for livestock and poultry originating in Minnesota and must also meet the board's importation requirements of parts 1700.0100 to 1700.1500, ~~1700.1800 to 1700.1900~~ 1700.1810 to 1700.1860, 1700.2600 to 1700.3010, and 1700.3110 to 1700.3800, ~~1700.4600, and 1700.4700~~. Certificates of veterinary inspection and required tests, except pseudorabies tests for swine which must be made within 30 days, must be accepted if issued and conducted within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 1700.1800; 1700.1900; 1700.4600; 1700.4700; and 1715.0115, are repealed.