



## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Exhibition Animals – Five Year Rule Review

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through October 20, 2017.** Comments may be emailed to [ecomments@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:ecomments@agri.ohio.gov) or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

The rules in Chapter 901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code outline the rules and requirements for animals which are imported into or moved within Ohio for exhibition purposes. Pursuant to section 941.02 of the Revised Code, the Department, through the Chief of the Division of Animal Health, shall promote and protect the livestock, poultry, and other animal interests of the state, prevent the spread of dangerously contagious or infectious disease, provide for the control and eradication of such disease, and to cooperate with the United States department of agriculture in such work. The rules of this chapter meet this directive. More specifically, the rules outline the disease testing requirements as well as proof of ownership of all animals coming into Ohio. These rules are necessary in ensuring that all animals in the state of Ohio remain disease free. The rules have been reviewed in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows:

OAC Rule 901:1-18-01 states that animals when moved within or imported into Ohio solely for exhibition purposes shall comply with the rules of the Chapter.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-02 sets forth the definitions as used in the Chapter. The rule is being amended to alphabetize the defined terms. Further, statutory definitions for “contagious or infectious disease,” “licensed and accredited veterinarian,” and “residue” have been added to the rule.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-03 requires that all exhibition sponsors have an approved veterinarian for the duration of the exhibition. Further, the rule requires that the exhibition shall inspect both animals and their required paperwork that enter the exhibition, maintain records, and order the immediate removal of any animal which places other animals at an unacceptable risk of disease. The rule is being amended to make stylistic changes which do not impact the substance of the rule.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-04 requires that no exhibitors shall show an animal which they have reason to suspect is infected with or has been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease. The rule is being amended to make stylistic changes which do not impact the substance of the rule.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-05 outlines the disease testing requirements for poultry animals entering into an exhibition. The rule is being amended to make stylistic changes which do not impact the substance of the rule.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-06 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission’s guideline on administrative rule drafting. The rule states that no cattle shall be moved within Ohio



that show symptoms or evidence of an infectious and contagious disease. Further, all imported cattle for exhibition purposes must comply with OAC 901:1-17-03 of the Administrative Code.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-07 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission's guideline on administrative rule drafting. The rule states that no goats shall be moved within Ohio that show symptoms or evidence of an infectious and contagious disease. Further, all imported goats for exhibition purposes must comply with OAC 901:1-17-06 of the Administrative Code.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-08 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission's guideline on administrative rule drafting. The rule states that no equidae shall be moved within Ohio that show symptoms or evidence of an infectious and contagious disease. Further, all imported equidae for exhibition purposes must comply with OAC 901:1-17-07 of the Administrative Code.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-09 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission's guideline on administrative rule drafting. The rule states that no sheep shall be moved within Ohio that show symptoms or evidence of an infectious and contagious disease. Further, all imported sheep for exhibition purposes must comply with OAC 901:1-17-08 of the Administrative Code.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-10 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission's guideline on administrative rule drafting. The rule states that no swine shall be moved within Ohio that show symptoms or evidence of an infectious and contagious disease. Further, all imported swine for exhibition purposes must comply with OAC 901:1-17-09 of the Administrative Code.

OAC Rule 901:1-18-11 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission's guideline on administrative rule drafting. The rule states that no camelids shall be moved within Ohio that show symptoms or evidence of an infectious and contagious disease. Further, all imported camelids for exhibition purposes must comply with OAC 901:1-17-15 of the Administrative Code.

