



## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Importation of 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 901:1-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code outline the importation of animals into the state. 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 901:1-17-01 outlines the general requirements for all animals moving into the state of Ohio. These rules generally require that all imported animals shall be healthy and free of symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases. The rule is being amended to restructure the formatting of the rule to make the rule more streamlined.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-02 sets forth the definitions as used in the Chapter. The rule is being amended to correct an incorrect term as incorporated from 9 CFR 77.5. Further, statutory definitions for “contagious or infectious disease,” “licensed and accredited veterinarian,” and “residue” have been added to the rule.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-03 sets forth the requirements for the importation and shipment of breeding cattle and bison into the state. The rule is being amended to clarify the rule and the terms contained within.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-04 sets forth requirements for the importation and shipment of cattle and bison for the purposes of feeding and grazing. The rule is being amended to clarify the exact date that is required to be included on movement documents.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-05 outlines the requirements for the importation of dogs and cats into Ohio. The rule has been amended to make a formatting change which should more readily outline an individual’s requirements for importing dogs and cats into Ohio.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-06 sets for the requirements for importing goats into Ohio for both breeding and feeding purposes. The rule amends several terms in order to be consistent with federal terminology.



Further, formatting changes have been made which should assist in reader comprehension. Finally, a definitional paragraph has been added to set out official identification for goats.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-07 sets forth requirements for the importation and shipment of equine animals into Ohio. The rule is being amended to clarify the exact date that is required to be included on movement documents.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-08 sets forth requirements for importing sheep into Ohio for both breeding and feeding purposes. The rule amends several terms in order to be consistent with federal terminology. Further, formatting changes have been made which should assist in reader comprehension. Finally, a definitional paragraph has been added to set out official identification for sheep.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-09 has been rescinded and replaced due to the Legislative Service Commission's guideline on administrative rule drafting. The new rule identifies the areas from which a swine animal may leave from in order to enter Ohio, the paperwork necessary, and the official identification required.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-10 outlines requirements for slaughter animals (animals which enter Ohio and go directly to a slaughter establishment). The rule is being amended to make grammatical and stylistic changes which do not affect the substance of the rule.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-11 sets forth the requirements of poultry animals to enter the state of Ohio. The rule has been clarified and reorganized which should streamline the rule and help with comprehension.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-12 outlines the import requirements for non-domestic animals. The rule has been amended to create a similarity in style and format with the remainder of the rules in the Chapter. Further, terminology has been amended to ensure that no conflicts exist with the remainder of the Chapter.

OAC Rule 901:1-17-15 outlines the requirements of llamas and alpacas to enter the state. The rule is being amended to establish the official individual identification for these animals. Further, stylistic changes have been made which do no impact the substance of the rule.

