

**RULES OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF REGULATORY SERVICES  
CHAPTER 0080-02-03  
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING MOVEMENT AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK AT FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS**

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**0080-02-03-.01 GENERAL.**

(1) Livestock entering fairs and exhibitions shall comply with the following, as applicable:

(a) Livestock entering fairs and exhibitions from within Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection with official, permanent, individual identification or sufficient description to identify each animal. Certificates for this purpose shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the date of inspection for in-state animals.

(b) Imported livestock entering fairs and exhibitions, including poultry, shall be subject to the Tennessee import requirements found in Chapter 0080-02-01. Official certificates of veterinary inspection for imported animals are valid for thirty (30) days from date of issuance.

(2) All stalls, pens, chutes, etc., located on the grounds of fairs and exhibitions shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by USDA – APHIS between each scheduled exhibition.

(3) Animals showing clinical signs of an infectious or communicable disease shall not be allowed to enter or remain on the premises of fairs and exhibitions. It shall be the responsibility of the manager of such fairs and exhibitions to ensure that such animals are promptly removed from the premises.

(4) Fair association and exhibition management shall be responsible for ensuring that each animal entered is accompanied by the documentation required by this chapter.

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**0080-02-03-.02 DEFINITIONS.**

(1) For purposes of these rules, the definitions set forth in Rule 0080-02-01-.01 of the published rules of the Department of Agriculture shall apply unless otherwise indicated herein.

*Authority: T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. Administrative History: Original rule certified June 5, 1974. Amendment filed August 29, 1978; effective October 13, 1978. Amendment filed August 11, 1982; November, 2010 (Revised)*

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**0080-02-03-.03 CATTLE.**

(1) Cattle entering fairs and exhibitions from within Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection with official, permanent, individual identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 5, 1974. Amendment filed September 22, 1976; effective October 22, 1976. Amendment filed August 29, 1978; effective October 13, 1978. Amendment filed August 11, 1982; effective November 15, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.04 SWINE.**

(1) Swine entering fairs and exhibitions from within Tennessee shall be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection with official, permanent, individual identification or sufficient description to identify each animal.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. **Administrative History:** Original Rule certified June 5, 1974. Amendment filed September 22, 1976; effective October 22, 1976. Amendment filed August 29, 1978; effective October 13, 1978. Amendment filed August 11, 1982; effective November 15, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.05 POULTRY.**

(1) Sponsors of poultry fairs and exhibitions shall notify the Department of Agriculture at least thirty (30) days prior to such show or exhibition.

(2) Poultry at fairs and exhibitions are subject to surveillance testing for Pullorum typhoid, avian influenza, Exotic Newcastle Disease or other poultry diseases, as determined by the state veterinarian.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. **Administrative History:** Original Rule filed September 22, 1976; effective October 22, 1976. Amendment filed August 29, 1978; effective October 13, 1978.

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**0080-02-03-.06 HORSES AND OTHER EQUIDAE.**

(1) When entering fairs and exhibitions, horses and other Equidae, except foals less than six (6) months of age in the company of their EIA-negative dams, shall have evidence of having tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia within the preceding twelve (12) months.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. **Administrative History:** Original Rule filed August 29, 1978; effective October 13, 1978. Amendment filed August 11, 1982; effective November 15, 1982. Repeal and new rule filed November 16, 2005; effective

March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.07 SHEEP.**

(1) All sheep entering fairs and exhibitions, including wethers, shall have an official certificate of veterinary inspection as provided in Rule 0080-02-03-.01 (1), and shall be officially, permanently identified by a method set forth in 9 C.F.R. 79.1-79.4.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.08 GOATS.**

(1) All goats entering fairs and exhibitions, including wethers, shall have an official certificate of veterinary inspection as provided in Rule 0080-02-03-.01 (1), and shall be officially, permanently identified by a method set forth in 9 C.F.R. 79.1-79.4.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.09 CAMELIDS.**

(1) Camelids entering fairs and exhibitions shall have an official certificate of veterinary inspection as provided in Rule 0080-02-03-.01 (1).

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.10 CAPTIVE CERVIDAE.**

(1) Captive Cervidae entering fairs and exhibitions from within Tennessee shall have an official certificate of veterinary inspection as provided by Rule 0080-02-03-.01 (1).

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed June 3, 2010; effective November 28, 2010.

**0080-02-03-.11 ENFORCEMENT.**

(1) Fair association and exhibition management shall inform exhibitors of the rules of this chapter, and shall notify the state veterinarian or his agent of any violation. Exhibitors shall present evidence of compliance with this chapter to the state veterinarian or his agent upon request.

(2) These rules and regulations in no way restrict fairs and exhibitions from establishing additional or more stringent health requirements.

(3) Persons involved with the movement and handling of domestic animals, including poultry, at fairs and exhibitions shall submit records for inspection and copies of documents immediately upon the request of the commissioner or his agent.

(4) Fair association and exhibition management shall not permit the exhibition, sale, or offering for sale of animals not accompanied by the documentation required by this chapter.

(5) It is a violation of this chapter to knowingly exhibit, sell, or offer for sale any animal with a transmissible disease.

(Rule 0080-02-03-.11, continued)

*Authority: T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. Administrative History: Original rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Rule 0080-02-03-.11 was deleted per rule filing filed June 3, 2010 and effective November 28, 2010, rule 0080-02-03-.12 was renumbered to .11.*

**0080-02-03-.12 RESERVED.**

*Authority: T.C.A. §§4-3-203 and 44-2-102. Administrative History: Original rule filed November 16, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Rule 0080-02-03-.11 was deleted per rule filing filed June 3, 2010 and effective November 28, 2010, rule 0080-02-03-.12 was renumbered to .11 and .12 became reserved.*

## **TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGULATORY SERVICES ANIMAL HEALTH**

### Special Comments:

1. It is expected that all exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to fairs and exhibitions. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be sent home immediately. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany the animal(s) to the respective shows.
2. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for Tennessee livestock only.
3. As noted in the enclosed health requirements, Tennessee requires that all poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. As part of increased awareness and surveillance for Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, all birds physical health appearance should be assessed at the time testing is conducted.
4. Any "chick chain" birds that have been commingled with birds of unknown disease status must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to entry.
5. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
- 6. Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
- 7. Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e. club lamb disease, caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
- 8. Fair officials are responsible** for ensuring that all animals entering fairs for exhibition be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and are in overall good health. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or his agent.

Please retain this material for reference during the 2011 fair season.

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