



June 25, 2018

**MEMO: Paper Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and Electronic CVI (eCVI)**

**TO: Georgia Licensed and Accredited Veterinarians**

**Background**

The Animal Industry Division has historically offered a book of 25 paper CVIs to Georgia licensed and accredited veterinarians. In our digital world, we are increasingly focused on utilizing technology to benefit veterinarians and producers in Georgia. Currently, there are numerous electronic CVIs (eCVIs) available for free and in some cases, for a fee. These electronic options are more efficient and better able to keep up with the speed of commerce. Additionally, electronic CVIs (eCVIs) improve Animal Disease Traceability by improving our ability to record, store and rapidly retrieve needed information.

**The Animal Industry Division will cease printing paper CVIs at the end of 2018.  
Effective January 1, 2019, supplies of paper CVIs are available until they run out.**

**Anticipated Benefits**

- a. Electronic CVIs (eCVIs) are increasingly the standard throughout the U.S., and we seek to be proactive in preparing our veterinarians and consumers for this approaching paradigm shift.
- b. States set their own entry requirements and have the right to cease accepting our paper CVIs, thus impacting producers' ability to sell animals across state lines – we want to be prepared.
- c. Electronic CVIs (eCVIs) are available to consumers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- d. There are electronic CVIs (eCVIs) options that are free of charge.
- e. Electronic CVIs (eCVIs) will assure that consumers have access to their CVIs whenever they need them, and will reduce the possibility of the paper CVI being destroyed or lost.

**The Animal Industry Division will cease printing paper CVIs at the end of 2018.  
Effective January 1, 2019, supplies of paper CVIs are available until they run out.**

Robert M. Cobb Jr DVM  
State Veterinarian

Enclosure: electronic CVI options