

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Georgia Livestock and Pets Due to the Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine (Helene, if named) Partial Suspension of Interstate Movement Requirements

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Due to potential emergency conditions that appear likely due to the potential Tropical Cyclone Nine threatening Georgia (Helene, if named), the State of South Carolina makes the following temporary exceptions to the regulations governing the importation and exportation of livestock and pets coming into and leaving South Carolina. All animals moving under these exceptions are expected to return to their state of origin no later than October 23, 2024, unless this order is extended or revised:

- Horses being evacuated to South Carolina with a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state without an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). A current Coggins test chart should accompany these horses.
- Horses being evacuated to South Carolina without a current Coggins test will be allowed entry into the state provided they will be allowed to return to their state of origin without a current Coggins or ICVI after the evacuation is lifted.
- All other animals being evacuated without an ICVI will be temporarily admitted to South Carolina and allowed to leave South Carolina, provided their destined state has also waived their import requirements.
 - This partial suspension of interstate movement requirements does not include lactating dairy cattle, as the federal order preventing the spread of H5N1 in livestock is still in effect for lactating dairy cattle moving interstate.

Before arrival, evacuees should confirm any requirements for the facilities they intend to use.

THIS SUSPENSION EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 23, 2024, UNLESS EXTENDED OR RESCINDED.