



Mississippi Board of Animal Health

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Due to potential emergency conditions that appear likely due to Tropical Storm/Hurricane Helene, Mississippi will make the following temporary exceptions to the regulations governing the importation and exportation of animals coming into and leaving Mississippi from **States Impacted by Tropical Storm/Hurricane Helene**. All animals moving under these exceptions are expected to return to their state of origin no later than 10/23/2024 unless this order is extended or revised:

- Horses being evacuated to Mississippi that have a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state of Mississippi without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). A current Coggins test chart should accompany these horses.
- Horses being evacuated to Mississippi without a current Coggins will be allowed entry into the state of Mississippi PROVIDED they will be allowed to return to their State of origin without a current Coggins or CVI after the evacuation is lifted, or they may get a Coggins Test Prior to returning to their respective state.
- All other animals being evacuated without a CVI will be temporarily admitted into Mississippi and also allowed to leave Mississippi provided the state they are destined to have also waived their import requirements.

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