

21—65.9(163) Cervidae.**65.9(1) General.***a. Definitions.*

“*Cervidae*” means all animals belonging to the Cervidae family.

“*Chronic wasting disease*” or “*CWD*” means a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy of cervids.

“*CWD susceptible Cervidae*” means all species of Cervidae susceptible to chronic wasting disease, including whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk, and related species and hybrids of these species.

b. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). All Cervidae imported into the state shall be accompanied by a CVI.

c. All Cervidae imported into this state, except Cervidae consigned directly to a recognized slaughter establishment, must have a pre-entry permit. The permit number must be requested by the licensed accredited veterinarian signing the CVI and issued by the state veterinarian prior to movement of the Cervidae. The permit number must be recorded on the CVI.

65.9(2) Requirements and limitations, general.

a. Cervidae permitted entry into the state shall be quarantined to the premises of destination and held in isolation until inspected by a department representative.

b. Chronic wasting disease.

(1) Cervidae originating from an area considered to be endemic for chronic wasting disease shall not be allowed entry into Iowa. Cervidae that originate from a herd that has had animal introductions from an area endemic to chronic wasting disease during the preceding five years shall not be allowed entry into Iowa.

(2) CWD susceptible Cervidae shall only be allowed into Iowa from herds which are currently enrolled in and have satisfactorily completed at least three years in an official recognized CWD monitoring program. The CWD herd number, anniversary date, expiration date, and herd status for each individual animal must be listed on the CVI.

(3) One of the following statements must be accurate and listed on the CVI:

1. For CWD susceptible Cervidae:

“All Cervidae on this certificate originate from a CWD monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. There has been no diagnosis, sign, or epidemiological evidence of CWD in this herd for the past five years. All cervids listed are quarantined to the destination and shall be held in isolation until inspected by a department representative.”

2. For Cervidae other than CWD susceptible Cervidae:

“All Cervidae on this certificate have not spent any time within the past 36 months in a zoo, animal menagerie or like facility, and have not been on the same premises as a cervid herd which has been classified as a CWD infected herd, exposed herd or trace herd. All cervids listed are quarantined to the destination and shall be held in isolation until inspected by a department representative.”

(4) Each animal must have official individual identification, and all forms of identification must be listed on the certificate.

65.9(3) Testing.

a. Tuberculosis test. Herd status and Single Cervical Tuberculin (SCT) test (Cervidae) are according to USDA Tuberculosis Eradication in Cervidae Uniform Methods and Rules effective January 22, 1999.

(1) Cervidae six months of age or older imported into this state, except Cervidae imported directly to a recognized slaughter establishment, must:

1. Originate from a herd not under quarantine and be tested negative for tuberculosis (TB) within 90 days of importation by the Single Cervical Tuberculin (SCT) test (Cervidae); or

2. Originate from an accredited herd (Cervidae) or originate from a qualified herd (Cervidae) and be tested negative within 90 days of importation (the test dates and herd number shall be listed on the CVI).

(2) Cervidae less than 6 months of age imported into the state must originate from a herd which has been whole-herd tested negative for tuberculosis within the last 12 months or must originate from an accredited herd (Cervidae).

b. Brucellosis test.

(1) Cervidae six months of age or older imported into the state, except Cervidae imported directly to a recognized slaughter establishment, must:

1. Originate from a herd not under quarantine and be accompanied by proof of a negative brucellosis test conducted within 90 days of importation; or

2. Originate from a certified brucellosis-free cervid herd or a cervid class free status state (brucellosis). The date of the last test and herd number shall be listed on the CVI.

(2) Cervidae less than 6 months of age must originate from a herd which has been tested negative for brucellosis within the last 12 months or must originate from a certified brucellosis-free herd.