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New state import regulations in effect for exhibition swine

As those involved in 4H, FFA and other exhibitions begin to prepare for the show season, Wyoming state veterinary staff wants them to be aware of the current state import regulations on swine. On Sept. 28, 2017, the Wyoming Livestock Board's latest version of its Chapter 8: Import Rules was signed into effect by the governor, therefore changing some of the import requirements on swine entering the state.

All exhibition swine entering Wyoming must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) or "Health Certificate." The pigs must have official individual identification, and the tag number needs to be listed on the ICVI. The only exception to this rule is exhibition swine less than four months of age. They may be imported into Wyoming to be identified upon arrival with a Wyoming State Fair tag. In this case, the statement, "Exhibition swine to be identified on arrival," shall be written on the ICVI. Tag numbers must then be written on the ICVI upon application, and a copy sent to the Wyoming Livestock Board within seven days.

Additionally, all swine must test negative for the following diseases prior to entering the state:

Brucellosis – Test must be done within 30 days prior to importation unless from a validated brucellosis-free herd. Swine from a state or area with lower status than validated brucellosis-free may still be placed under quarantine in Wyoming and subjected to a second test performed 60 to 90 days after the pre-import test.

Pseudorabies – Test must be done within 30 days prior to importation unless from a qualified Pseudorabies-negative herd. Swine from a state or area with less than a Pseudorabies Stage IV status may still be placed under quarantine and subjected to a second test performed 30 to 60 days after importation.

Wyoming Livestock Board veterinary staff emphasizes there will be no exceptions to these rules and initial testing may not be performed after arrival into Wyoming. Violations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and will result in quarantine of the animal(s) at the owners' expense.

For more information on the Wyoming Livestock Board's animal import requirements, please contact the Wyoming Livestock Board at 307-777-7515 or 307-857-4140.