



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:1-17-02 Definitions.

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(A) The following terms and their definitions are incorporated from 9 CFR part 77.5:

- (1) "Accreditation preparatory state or zone";
- (2) "Accredited free state or zone";
- (3) "Accredited herd";
- (4) "Modified accredited advanced state or zone";
- (5) "Modified accredited state or zone"; and
- (6) "Non-accredited state or zone".

(B) The following terms and their definitions are incorporated from 9 CFR part 78.1:

- (1) "Class A State";
- (2) "Class B State";
- (3) "Class C State";
- (4) "Brucellosis free state";
- (5) "Certified Brucellosis free herd";
- (6) "Validated brucellosis free herd"; and,
- (7) "Validated Brucellosis free state."

(C) "Accredited laboratory" means a laboratory meeting the accreditation standards established for fish health diagnostic laboratories by a state government, the United States federal government or, the Canadian government's department of fisheries and oceans.

(D) "Alternative movement document" means an approved document that may be used in place of an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection, but only under specific regulatory provisions as outlined in 9 CFR part 78.1 or 9 CFR part 79.5.

(E) "Animal" means any animal that is a bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, or mammal other than humans; and when specified in a rule, includes germplasm of the foregoing animals.

(F) "Approved veterinarian" means any licensed and accredited veterinarian approved by the chief, or a veterinarian employed by the Ohio department of agriculture, or the



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United States department of agriculture, animal and plant health inspection service, veterinary services.

(G) "Certificate of veterinary inspection" means a legible record, certified, completed, and issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, or by a veterinarian employed by either the state of origin or the United States department of agriculture, and shall contain all of the following:

- (1) The complete name and physical address of the consignor and the consignee, (including final destination if different from consignee's address);
- (2) An accurate description with official individual identification of the animal listed, as required;
- (3) The date and results of any required or known test conducted;
- (4) A complete description (including dates of administration) of any vaccinations and treatments, as required by the rules of this chapter;
- (5) Designation of the purpose for which the animal is being imported (i.e., breeding, feeding, exhibition, sale, etc.); and
- (6) The animal health and test status records which meet the legal requirements of the state of destination, including any other tests of record.

(H) "Certified fish health inspector" means an individual who has successfully completed the course of study on fish diseases sponsored by the American fisheries society and is currently certified by the American fisheries society to issue fish health inspection reports.

(I) "Chief" means the chief of the division of animal health within the Ohio department of agriculture as described in section 941.02 of the Revised Code.

(J) "CFR" means Code of Federal Regulations:

- (1) 9 CFR part 71.20 means the 2025 edition.
- (2) 9 CFR part 77.5 means the 2025 edition.
- (3) 9 CFR part 78.1 means the 2025 edition.
- (4) 9 CFR part 79.5 means the 2025 edition.
- (5) 9 CFR part 86.1 means the 2025 edition.



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- (6) 9 CFR part 86.4 means the 2025 edition.
- (7) 9 CFR part 88.4 means the 2025 edition.
- (8) 21 CFR 109.6 means the 2025 edition.
- (9) 21 CFR 556 means the 2025 edition.
- (10) 40 CFR 180 means the 2025 edition.
- (K) "Contagious or infectious disease" means any disease, including but not limited to any foreign animal disease, pest, agent, or vector, capable of being transmitted by any means from a carrier animal to a human or to another animal or any dangerously contagious or infectious disease.
- (L) "Department of agriculture" and "department" means the Ohio department of agriculture.
- (M) "Domestic animal" includes livestock; other animals that through long association with humans have been bred to a degree resulting in genetic changes affecting the temperament, color, conformation, or other attributes of the species to an extent that makes them different from nondomestic animals of their kind, and other animals as defined by rule.
- (N) "Facility" means an establishment where fish are raised, held, or released.
- (O) "Feral swine" means:
 - (1) Any swine that has lived any part of its life free roaming; or
 - (2) Feral swine as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code.
- (P) "Fish" means a cold-blooded vertebrate animal living in water, having permanent gills for breathing, and fins.
- (Q) "Fish health inspection and testing report" means a document listing inspections done and diagnostic work performed on fish and stating the results of the inspections and diagnostic work.
- (R) "Gamebird" means pheasants, including but not limited to, pure or hybrid ring neck, quail, including but not limited to, bobwhite and coturnix, chukar, wild or wild-type turkey, or Hungarian or other partridges grown under confinement to produce eggs and/or meat for human consumption.



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- (S) "Licensed and accredited veterinarian" means a person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine either by the state of Ohio or the state in which the certificate of veterinary inspection was issued and who is certified approved by the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service, veterinary services, to be an accredited veterinarian.
- (T) "Lot" means:
- (1) A group of fish of the same species that originate from either the same brood stock, or the same egg source, during the same year and are raised on the same water source; or
 - (2) A group of fish of the same species over twelve months of age from the same water source.
- (U) "Nondomestic animal" means any animal that is not domestic, including at least nonindigenous animals and animals usually not in captivity.
- (V) "Official individual identification" means a device or method assigned to livestock or animals being moved as required by the rules of this chapter.
- (W) "Owner/Shipper statement" means the same as defined in 9 CFR part 86.1.
- (X) "Permit" means an authorization issued by the division of animal health which:
- (1) Requires, by rule, prior permission from the chief.
 - (2) May waive or modify requirements established by rule when compliance with the rule requirements works a hardship and waiver or modification of the rule requirements is consistent with the purpose of and does not compromise the effectiveness of the rule requirements being waived or modified.
 - (3) May require as a condition for waiver or modification of requirements established by rule:
 - (a) Restrictions regarding movement, handling, quarantine, destination, and purpose for which the animal may be imported; and
 - (b) Additional inspections, identification, pre and post-entry tests, vaccinations, treatments, and other procedures.
- (Y) "Poultry" means any domesticated fowl kept in confinement, except for doves and pigeons, that are bred for the primary purpose of producing eggs or meat for human consumption. The term includes chickens, turkeys, waterfowl and game birds.



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- (Z) "Premises identification" or "premises identification number" means a nationally unique number assigned by a state, tribal, and/or federal animal health authority to a premise that is, in the judgment of the state, tribal, and/or federal animal health authority, a geographically distinct location from other premises.
- (AA) "PRRS" means porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome.
- (BB) "Pseudorabies status stage V state" means a state that has been declared pseudorabies free as outlined by the United State department of agriculture, animal and plant health inspection service.
- (CC) "Residue" means any poisonous or deleterious pesticide governed by 40 CFR 180, any poisonous or deleterious substance governed by 21 CFR 109.6, any other substance governed by 21 CFR 556, or any other non-natural article that may be found in or exposed to livestock.
- (DD) "Sale assembly" means any public assembly of animals that are brought together for the purpose of exchanging ownership.
- (EE) "Slaughter channels" means a system of movement wherein an animal, not for the purposes of breeding, is sold, transferred, or moved either:
- (1) For feeding for the express purpose of improving that animal's condition for final movement to slaughter;
 - (2) To a USDA approved livestock market as defined under Chapter 943. of the Revised Code for final movement to slaughter;
 - (3) To a slaughter facility;
 - (4) To an individual for custom slaughter; or
 - (5) To a livestock dealer licensed under Chapter 943. of the Revised Code.
- (FF) "Tagging site" means locations authorized by USDA, state, or tribal animal health officials where livestock may be officially identified on behalf of their owner or the person in possession, care, or control of the animals when they are brought to the site.
- (GG) "USDA" means the United States department of agriculture, animal plant health inspection service (APHIS), veterinary services (VS).
- (HH) "Water source" means a body of water with controlled access in which fish are hatched, spawned, or raised.