



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-17-13 Fish.

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(A) No person shall import into Ohio fish, viable eggs, or sperm of the family salmonidae or salmonidae hybrids unless, all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The shipment is accompanied by a permit issued by the chief of the division of animal health or the chief's designee in accordance with paragraph (X) of rule 901:1-17-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) The fish, viable eggs, or sperm of the family salmonidae or salmonidae hybrids are accompanied by a fish health inspection and testing report signed by a certified fish health inspector or veterinarian verifying that the facility has been inspected by either a licensed accredited veterinarian or a certified fish health inspector and tested by an accredited laboratory in accordance with the requirements of rule 901:1-17-14 of the Administrative Code within twelve months of the date of import and found negative to the following dangerously contagious or infectious diseases:
 - (a) Ceratomyxosis (*Ceratomyxa shasta*), when originating from a state or zone where ceratomyxosis has been reported;
 - (b) Infectious hematopoietic necrosis;
 - (c) Infectious pancreatic necrosis;
 - (d) Infectious salmon anemia, when originating from a state or zone where infectious salmon anemia has been reported;
 - (e) Proliferative kidney disease, when originating from a state or zone where proliferative kidney disease has been reported;
 - (f) Viral hemorrhagic septicemia; and
 - (g) Whirling disease (*Myxobolus cerebralis*).
- (3) The fish, viable eggs, or sperm of the family salmonidae or salmonidae hybrids are free of any evidence of any of the dangerously contagious or infectious disease listed in paragraphs (A)(2)(a) to (A)(2)(g) of this rule at the time of import.
- (4) No fish, viable eggs, or sperm from any source have been introduced into the facility subsequent to the inspection and testing required under paragraph (A)(2) of this rule that have not been inspected and tested in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (A)(2) of this rule within twelve months prior to entry into the facility and found to be negative to the diseases listed in paragraphs (A)(2)(a) to (A)(2)(g) of this rule.



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- (5) Viable fish eggs will be exempt from paragraphs (A)(2)(a) and (A)(2)(e) of this rule, provided the eggs undergo proper disinfections prior to shipment in accordance with paragraph (B)(1) of this rule.
- (B) No person shall import fish eggs of the family salmonidae from either a facility or a water source where whirling disease has been found unless:
 - (1) The fish eggs are surface disinfected when shipped and disinfected again when received with a one hundred milligram per liter solution of active iodine for ten minutes; and
 - (2) The fish eggs are transported in new containers and water free of the causative agent for whirling disease.
- (C) No person shall import into Ohio fish, viable eggs, or sperm of the species or hybrids of the species listed in appendix A to this rule unless the following requirements are met:
 - (1) The shipment is accompanied by a permit issued by the chief of the division of animal health or the chief's designee in accordance with paragraph (X) of rule 901:1-17-02 of the Administrative Code.
 - (2) The fish, viable eggs, or sperm of the species or hybrids of the species are accompanied by a fish health inspection and testing report signed by a certified fish health inspector or veterinarian verifying that the facility has been inspected by either a licensed accredited veterinarian or a certified fish health inspector and tested by an accredited laboratory in accordance with the requirements of rule 901:1-17-14 of the Administrative Code within twelve months of the date of import and found negative for viral hemorrhagic septicemia.
 - (3) The fish, viable eggs, or sperm of the species or hybrids of the species are free of any evidence of viral hemorrhagic septicemia.
 - (4) No fish, viable eggs, or sperm from any source have been introduced into the facility subsequent to the inspection and testing required under paragraph (C) (2) of this rule that have not been inspected and tested in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (C)(2) of this rule within twelve months prior to entry into the facility and found to be negative to viral hemorrhagic septicemia.
 - (5) Viable fish eggs will be exempt from paragraph (C)(2) of this rule, provided the fish eggs are surface disinfected when shipped and disinfected again when received with a one hundred milligram per liter solution of active iodine for ten minutes.