



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

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Effective Immediately

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, has temporarily suspended the intrastate movement requirements for the transportation of animals that are fleeing the impacts from the Tropical Storm/Hurricane Milton and the applicable interstate requirements for animals returning to their Florida premises of origin. This suspension does not apply to the importation requirements for wildlife, including Cervidae, nor does it waive or replace the requirements specified under the Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock, issued on April 24, 2024.

The following states have waived their interstate import requirements for Florida pets and livestock leaving the expected impact areas of Tropical Storm/ Hurricane Milton:

- **Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina - (Temporary Suspension Expires 30 days from date of notice)**
- **Georgia – Temporary Suspension pertains to pets and horses, does not include livestock. (Temporary Suspension Expires 30 days from date of notice)**

Any person transporting pets or livestock must stop at the Department's agricultural interdiction stations and present any required movement documentation. A transporter that fails to provide the required documentation will be issued an Advisory Notice, which must remain with the animals during transport to one of the above-listed states and the return trip to the original Florida premises of origin.

When returning to Florida, if any disease test requirements are not met, the animal(s) will be quarantined to their Florida destination until the testing has been completed. An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) is not required if returning with the Advisory Notice issued at the agricultural interdiction station. Please visit www.FDACS.gov/AnimalEmergency, or call (850) 410-0900 for more information.

This suspension does not pertain to regulated wildlife. For movement of regulated wildlife contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (850) 488-6253. This temporary suspension shall expire in 30 days, unless extended or rescinded.

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