

Title 2—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Division 30—Animal Health
Chapter 2—Health Requirements for Movement of Livestock, Poultry, and Exotic Animals

PROPOSED RULE

2 CSR 30-2.016 Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Import Restrictions on Rabbits and Hares Entering Missouri

PURPOSE: This rule is necessary to restrict the movement of rabbits and hares into Missouri due to the recent diagnosis of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease in the United States.

(1) No rabbits or hares may enter Missouri if the animals have originated from a state or country where Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) has been diagnosed in the prior twelve (12) months unless they meet the following requirements:

(1) Must obtain an entry permit; and

(2) Must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection from an accredited veterinarian that states:

(A) All rabbits and hares in the shipment have been examined within seventy-two (72) hours of shipment for and found free of communicable diseases and have originated from a single premises that has no signs of a communicable disease;

(B) There has been no movement of rabbits and hares onto the originating premises within thirty (30) days prior to shipment; and

(C) No rabbits or hares in the shipment have had contact with wild rabbits or hares within thirty (30) days prior to shipment.

AUTHORITY: section 267.645, RSMo 2016. Emergency rule filed July 1, 2020, effective July 16, 2020, expires January 11, 2021. Original rule filed July 1, 2020.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment by website: <https://agriculture.mo.gov/proposed-rules/> or by mail: Missouri Department of Agriculture, attn: Dr. Jean Schmidt, PO Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*