

**Sec. 22-278-3. Testing of captive cervidae**

(a) All captive cervidae six (6) months of age and older in cervidae herds required to be registered under section 2 of these regulations shall be tested and have a negative result to a single cervical tuberculin test administered by a designated accredited veterinarian. Such test shall be administered within sixty (60) days of the adoption of these regulations or the commencing of such operation whichever is sooner. The owner or keeper of such herd through written application to the Commissioner of Agriculture may request an extension of time in which to complete such testing. The Commissioner may grant such request and determine a reasonable period of time.

(b) The result of such testing shall be reported to the Commissioner no later than the close of business on the next business day following the receipt of the results of such tests.

(c) If any captive cervid from a herd shows a positive reaction to such test, such herd shall be immediately quarantined.

(d) The owner of captive cervidae showing a positive reaction to the test prescribed in subsection (a) of this section may elect to have such animals slaughtered and necropsied in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

(e) Captive cervidae tested and having a positive result to the test prescribed in subsection (a) of this section which are not slaughtered pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be tested using the comparative cervical tuberculin test.

(f) Herds which are tested and have a negative result to a single cervical tuberculin test, or a comparative cervical tuberculin test as prescribed by subsection (e) of this section shall be eligible to receive permission for transportation or sale pursuant to section 4 of these regulations.

(g) All herds which fail to qualify for permission for transportation or sale under subsection (f) of this section shall remain quarantined until such time as such herd is declared to be in compliance with the requirements of these regulations by the commissioner pursuant to the testing criteria set forth in this section.

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