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Announcement Interstate Movement of Swine

In a few months, there will be a change to the Florida Importation Rule 5C-3. Beginning July 1, 2018, all swine being imported into Florida, six months of age or older, must be officially identified and test negative for Swine Brucellosis and Pseudorabies. While the state rule will require swine six months of age or older to be officially identified, the current federal regulation, 9 C.F.R. 71.19, requires all swine in interstate commerce to be officially identified. The list of approved swine identification devices/methods includes:

Standard Movement (Identification must be listed on the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)

- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) ear tags, Official Premises Identification Number (PIN) or National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES) ear tags.
- Ear notching, if the ear notching has been recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association.
- Tattoos on the ear or inner flank of any swine, if the tattoos have been recorded in the book of record of a swine registry association.

Slaughter Only (Identification must be listed on the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or bill of sale)

- USDA backtags (applied directly to an animal's back) only when used on swine moving in slaughter channels.
- For slaughter swine and feeder swine, an ear tag or tattoo bearing the PIN assigned by the State Animal Health Official to the single premises on which the swine originated.
- Official swine tattoos (issued and authorized by State or Federal Animal Health Officials) on swine moving in slaughter channels.

Testing Requirements (Testing information must be listed on the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)

- All swine six months of age or older are required to test negative for the Swine Brucellosis and Pseudorabies virus within 30 days prior to importation, unless:
 - They originate from a Validated Brucellosis-free herd (No Brucellosis test required).
 - They originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies-Negative Feeder Pig Herd (No Pseudorabies test required).
 - The shipment is consigned directly to a USDA approved slaughter facility.

Based on the state rule, swine six months of age or older and not identified by one of the above-mentioned methods, or do not have proof of negative testing, will be denied entry into Florida. Those swine less than six months of age without official ID will be allowed entry into Florida with an Advisory Notice issued at the Agricultural Interdiction Station and those transporters will be contacted by the USDA.

EXAMPLES OF SWINE IDENTIFICATION



RFID Tag



PIN Tag



NUES Tag



Ear notches



Backtag



Tattoo 1



Tattoo 2