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3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Readopt w/Amendment
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6. **Short Title:** Importation of Bovines and Domestic Animals
7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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****PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING, numbered to correspond to the number on this sheet (a separate sheet is not required for every item):**

8. **An explanation of the nature of (a) the imminent peril to public health or safety, demonstrating that the emergency rule is necessary to prevent the imminent peril, or (b) the substantial fiscal harm to the state or its citizens which could otherwise occur if the rule were not adopted as an emergency rule.**

Imminent Peril to Public Health

There is an imminent peril to public health which necessitates the adoption of these emergency rules. The authority and duty to implement measures to control outbreaks of disease in animals has been delegated to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets, and Food. See RSA 436:5 and RSA 436:24.

Agr 2100 Importation of Bovines and Other Domestic Animals is one of the vehicles the Commissioner uses to implement this responsibility. These emergency rules include important sections of Agr 2100 relating to the importation of a number of species of animals susceptible to New World Screwworm (NWS) which has been reintroduced into the United States. These rules allow compatibility with the new emergency rule Chapter Agr 4200 to address this national potential crisis. With said introduction of NWS, and the large number of animals coming to New Hampshire from the affected area, the adverse risks to human and animal health include but are not limited to:

1. Increased risk for animal and human infestation spread from companion animals, livestock, and other animals to people; and
2. The spread of NWS into wildlife creating greater disease pressure for humans and domestic animals.

Substantial Financial Risk

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9. **A summary of the effect if the rule were not adopted.**
Consequence of not Adopting Emergency Rules

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for significant job loss. Even without spread, entry of disease oftentimes results in significant restrictions in interstate and international commerce. Finally, there could be an increase in control costs and resource strain as a result of these rules not being in place.

10. A description of those affected.

Those Affected

All people who have contact with the listed animals; animal owners, buyers, sellers, or transporters of animals within the state; and anyone in the business of treating, housing, or otherwise dealing with the listed animals would be affected by the absence of these emergency rules

****PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING:**

I, the adopting authority,* hereby certify that the attached is an accurate statement explaining why an emergency rule is necessary.

Date: 2026-06-17 **Name:** Shawn N. Jasper **Title:** Commissioner Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food

**('Adopting authority' is the official empowered by statute to adopt the rule, or a member of the group of individuals empowered by statute to adopt the rule.)*

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Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner



VIA PORTAL

June 17, 2026

Director Courtney Eschbach.
Office of Legislative Services
Administrative Rules
State House Annex
25 Capitol Street, Room 234
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Emergency Adoption Notice Agr 2100 Importation of Bovines and Domestic Animals, Section Agr 2103

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn N. Jasper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food

CC: Joshua Marshall, Assistant Commissioner

Mark C. Prescott, DVM, State Veterinarian

Nathan Harvey, VMD, DABVP, Assistant State Veterinarian

Patricia L. Benner, Hearings Officer/Legislative Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food

Readopt with amendment Agr 2103, effective 4-23-26 (Document #14564), to read as follows:

Statutory Authority: RSA 436:24

PART Agr 2103 REQUIREMENTS OF IMPORTATION OF BOVINES AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Agr 2103.01 All Domestic Animals and Poultry Entering the State of New Hampshire. All domestic animals and poultry entering New Hampshire shall:

- (a) Be accompanied by a CVI, unless specifically exempted elsewhere in Agr 2100;
- (b) Be in compliance with federal regulations applicable to interstate animal movement;

(c) Be in compliance with AGR 4200 if originating from an area defined as affected by New World Screwworm- *Cochliomyia hominivorax* in AGR 4200; and
~~and~~

~~(d)~~ Not be known to be infected with or exposed to any contagious or infectious disease or from a quarantined area.

Agr 2103.02 Who Inspects. A CVI shall be completed by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin who has inspected the animals for interstate movement and filled out the CVI.

Agr 2103.03 Permits for Entry.

(a) No poultry, swine, ratites, camelidae, cervidae, or birds customarily used as household pets shall be shipped into New Hampshire without a prior permit.

(b) Domestic animals or poultry that have been given a biological product capable of spreading disease and capable of causing an antibody titer for reportable diseases among susceptible animals or poultry shall not be imported without first obtaining a prior permit.

(c) Permits shall be requested by telephone or in writing for the importation of poultry, swine, ratites, camelidae, cervidae, or birds, customarily used as household pets, when all testing requirements have been complied with and a CVI has been otherwise completed by the inspecting accredited veterinarian. Subsequent approval of the CVI by the chief regulatory official of the state of origin shall be required. The permit numbers shall appear on the CVI, one copy of which shall accompany the animals to the state of destination.

(d) The permit or CVI pertaining to the species as described in Agr 2103.03(a) shall be:

- (1) Attached to the waybill; or
- (2) In the possession of the driver of the vehicle in which the domestic animal is imported.

(e) Permits for import of domestic animals into the state shall be obtained from the:

NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food

Division of Animal Industry
One Granite Place, South, Suite 211
Concord, NH 03301
Telephone: 603-271-2404

Agr 2103.04 Requirements for CVI.

(a) A CVI shall be:

- (1) A certificate containing information required pursuant to (b) below and any specific requirements listed elsewhere in Agr 2100;
- (2) Issued by an accredited veterinarian who is licensed in the state of origin; and
- (3) Approved by the chief regulatory official of the state of origin.

(b) The CVI shall include the following:

- (1) Complete names and addresses of the locations from which the animals will be moved and to which the animals will be sent;
- (2) The permanent official identification of the individual animal;
- (3) The health status of the animals, poultry, or other species involved; and
- (4) The results of required testing and dates.

(c) CVIs shall be valid for 30 days from date of issue except as stated in Agr 2103.06 – 2103.08 and Agr 4200.

(d) An APHIS Form 7001 is not an acceptable form in lieu of a CVI.

(e) Electronic CVI's (eCVI) shall be permissible as long as they meet the 2019 eCVI data standards established by the US Animal Health Association-American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Joint Committee on Animal Health Surveillance and Information Systems.

Agr 2103.05 Laboratory Tests and Other Tests.

(a) All laboratory tests of animals intended for interstate movement into New Hampshire shall be performed at diagnostic laboratories approved by Veterinary Services, USDA APHIS.

(b) All non-laboratory tests shall be applied by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.

Agr 2103.06 Vesicular Stomatitis. Any susceptible livestock, including equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, and *cervidae* entering the state from a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last 14 days or a county that contains a premises quarantined for vesicular stomatitis shall be accompanied by a CVI dated within 14 days of entry containing the following statement: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been inspected and found to be free from clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis."

Agr 2103.07 Fair Season.

(a) Any livestock entering the state from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Vermont for the purpose of participating in one of the member fairs of the New Hampshire Association of Fairs and Expositions between July 1 and October 31 shall be accompanied by a CVI or a “New England Fair Season CVI” issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.

(b) The “New England Fair Season CVI” shall be valid until October 31, when the “New England Fair Season CVI”:

- (1) Was issued on or after April 1 of that year;
- (2) Lists individual official identification for all animals thereon;
- (3) Includes all required test results for the animals thereon;
- (4) States “New England Fair season” as the consignee; and
- (5) Has an attachment listing the name and dates of each fair at which the animals have been in attendance.

(c) If an animal listed on a “New England Fair Season CVI” travels outside of New England before October 1 of the issue year, said animal shall require a new CVI to enter any subsequent New Hampshire fairs or exhibitions in the issue year.

Agr 2103.08 Trail Rides. No CVI shall be required for a horse residing in an adjacent state to enter the state for the purpose of a trail ride when:

- (a) The horse enters and leaves the state on the same day;
- (b) The horse is free from runny nose, runny eyes, sneezing, coughing, or any clinical signs of illness such as a lay person would be expected to recognize on the day of the trail ride; and
- (c) The horse is accompanied by a copy of current negative EIA test results as required in Agr 2113.02.

Agr 2103.09 Suspension of Exceptions. In the event of documented animal health risks, Agr 2103.07 and Agr 2103.08 shall be suspended by written order of the commissioner.

APPENDIX

RULE NUMBER	STATUTE
Agr 2103.01	RSA 436:6; RSA 436:24
Agr 2103.02	RSA 436:28
Agr 2103.03	RSA 436:10; RSA 436:24
Agr 2103.04	RSA 436:28
Agr 2103.05 – Agr 2103.09	RSA 436:24