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Subject: Evacuation of Animals Due to Tropical Storm Helene; Partial Suspension of Interstate Movement

Requirements Effective: September 23, 2024

Due to potential emergency conditions due to Tropical Storm Helene, the State of North Carolina will make the following temporary exceptions to the regulations governing the importation and exportation of animals coming into and leaving North Carolina. All animals moving under these exceptions are expected to return to their state of origin no later than November 15, 2024, unless this order is extended or rescinded:

- Horses being evacuated to North Carolina that have a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state without an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). A current Coggins test chart should accompany these horses.
- Horses being evacuated to North Carolina without a current Coggins test will be allowed entry into the state provided they will be allowed to return to their state of origin without a current Coggins or ICVI after the evacuation is lifted.
- All other animals being evacuated without an ICVI will be temporarily admitted to North Carolina and are also allowed to leave North Carolina provided the state to which they are destined has also waived their import requirements.

THIS SUSPENSION EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 15, 2024 UNLESS EXTENDED OR RECINDED.

Sincerely,

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