

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Division of Agriculture

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-40-05-1

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Domestic Animals

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: These rules and regulations were amended to accomplish two goals: to accommodate an industry trend for the importation of equine animals, and to codify policy level exemptions for exhibition animal that enter the state. Extended equine certificates of veterinary inspection allow equines to enter the state for up to six months after the initial certificate of veterinary inspection is issued. This extension will allow for better compliance with our regulations and will relieve the burden on horse owners who would otherwise have been required to have certificates of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry. The Department has long published fair and show regulations for exhibition animals but the Office of Regulatory Review determined that those regulations were not enforceable. Therefore the Department incorporated those regulations into this Part.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: *(if any)*

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: There were no objections to these amendments

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: N/A

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: Provide the text of the regulatory analysis prepared under § 42-35-2.9.