

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Domestic Animals (250-RICR-40-05-1)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-40-05-1

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 12/31/2019

End of Public Comment: 01/30/2020

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-17.1, § 4-4-23, and Chapter 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to permit the importation into the State of Rhode Island of only those domestic animals which are disease free or which originate from sources that have qualified as disease free according to State or Federal Standards. A summary of non-technical changes between current and proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Section 1.4 has been amended to list all "Incorporated Materials."
- The definitions in Section 1.5 were updated and amended, and the definition of "ratites" was moved within Section 1.5
- Section 1.6 has been amended to remove the import permit requirement for cattle and to codify fair and show regulations.
- Section 1.7 has been amended to better define the components of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and an Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- Section 1.8 clarifies the duration of time that a rescue carrier is required to retain records.
- Section 1.15 has been amended to allow use of an Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- Section 1.22 codifies into regulations certain exemptions and conditions specific to animals imported for the purpose of fair and show.

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before January 30, 2020, Department of Environmental Management will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.