



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

Message for Accredited Veterinarians

RE: Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspections requiring Entry Permit Numbers

Florida requires **Entry Permits** as part of the Importation Requirements for specific types of animal movement into Florida. Please see list below. If you are issuing an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) for animals which require an Entry Permit, please read the information below.

- As an accredited veterinarian, it is important to ensure that all requirements of the state of destination are included on the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). This includes Permit Number, if one is required.
- If the permit number is added after the OCVI has been issued, the OCVI is considered “**altered**” which is an accreditation violation. In these cases, the original OCVI which is submitted to state of origin and state of destination will not contain the permit number and therefore, the OCVI will be rejected by state animal health officials and the accredited veterinarian could face accreditation compliance violations.
- Accredited veterinarians should check the requirements of the state of destination before issuing the OCVI to ensure that if prior permit number is required, the permit number has been added to the OCVI before the OCVI is issued.
- For electronic OCVIs, each provider approved in Florida has an option that allows viewing and saving of the unofficial (not yet issued) CVI, which can be used to obtain an entry permit. If you need assistance regarding this process, please contact the provider. Some providers have instructional guidance available on their site.
- For paper OCVIs, the permit number should be printed on the original front page so that it shows on all copies. The permit number must be present on the certificates provided to the state animal health official as part of your accreditation compliance.

Movement types which require Entry Permits –

- Poultry
- Swine
- Livestock and horses moving from states with Vesicular Stomatitis cases
- Cattle moving from states with less than Class Free status for Brucellosis or Tuberculosis
- Horses moving from TX counties with Equine Piroplasmosis testing requirements

For any questions regarding import requirements for Florida, please visit www.FDACS.gov/animalmovement , or call us at (850) 410-0900.