



## **Animal Exhibition Requirement Rule Changes**

### **FAQ for Veterinarians**

**Q. Is there a certain CVI form I should use when writing a CVI for exhibition?**

**A.** You can use a physical CVI form provided by MDA. A copy of the CVI must be submitted to the MDA office within seven days of issuance.

**A.** There are several electronic forms available, some at no charge, that can also be used. MDA offers a free electronic version called Vet-CVI that can be downloaded from the app store or your computer. When using an electronic form, owner information and animal information can be saved and easily retrieved when writing another certificate for that owner and animal. The CVI is automatically submitted to MDA. If you have questions about electronic CVI options, call MDA at (573) 751-3377.

**A.** The physical forms that were previously provided by MDA for *intrastate movement* are no longer valid and should not be used. They do not display a unique CVI number, and they are not in duplicate for copies to be sent to MDA.

**Q. Can one CVI be used for multiple exhibition destinations?**

**A.** Yes, you should include all exhibition destinations within the upcoming 30-day period on the CVI, either in the “comments section” or in the remaining blank space that is left after all animals have been entered. If the exhibitor is going to another state, MDA recommends the exhibitor review that state’s exhibition rules, as you may have to create a separate CVI for each exhibition destination, per the requirements.

**Q. Why does a copy of the CVI have to be submitted to MDA?**

**A.** The veterinarian submits a copy of the CVI to the MDA office, which allows MDA to trace where animals have been in the event of a disease outbreak.

**Q. Can an exhibitor go to a show if the show is not listed on the CVI?**

**A.** Every exhibition an exhibitor plans to attend within the 30-day window should be listed on the CVI. An exhibitor should ask you to add any show that is not listed to the CVI before attending. You will need to submit a copy of the modified CVI to MDA within seven days of modification.



**Q. Do NUES 9 tags still count as an acceptable form of ID since the new federal ADT rule was announced?**

A. On May 9, 2024 USDA-APHIS amended its animal disease traceability regulations for certain cattle and bison. The rule requires official eartags to be visually and electronically readable for official use for interstate movement of certain cattle and bison. The final rule applies to all sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or older, all dairy cattle, cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo or recreation events, and cattle or bison of any age used for shows or exhibitions. The rule went into effect Nov. 5, 2024. NUES 9 tags are no longer acceptable forms of official identification for those animals affected by the rule. If the animal was tagged with a NUES 9 tag before Nov. 5, there will be no penalty and the animal will not need a new tag. The Jefferson City lab has producer RFID tags that can be allocated to accredited veterinarians. Producers can get tags through their veterinarian or directly from the manufacturer if they have a federal premises ID. If you are an accredited vet seeking RFID tags, call the lab at (573) 751-3460.

**Q. What types of animal identifications are acceptable?**

A. Official identification options include one of the following:

- An official [National Uniform Eartagging System \(NUES\) tag](#). **(SWINE ONLY)**
  - Begins with the official state number 43 for Missouri.
  - Allocated by USDA to accredited veterinarians.
- An official [Animal Identification Number \(AIN\) tag](#).
  - Consists of 15 digits, beginning with 840 for the United States.
  - Visual and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
  - Available from the manufacturer.
- A registration tattoo and registration papers from the appropriate breed association.
- An ear notch for purebred swine with registration papers from the appropriate breed association.

**Q. How do I obtain RFID tags?**

A. If you are an accredited veterinarian seeking RFID tags, call the MDA lab at (573) 751-3460. Producers may obtain RFID tags from the manufacturer if they have a Federal Premises ID or from an accredited veterinarian.



**Q. What documentation must I maintain regarding official identification?**

A. When personally applying official identification to an exhibition animal, you must maintain a record of each animal that receives a tag, including owner information.

A. If you are allocating official identification tags to exhibition leadership, you must record the names of the individuals who you provided the tags to. Additionally, exhibition leadership, or you as the issuing veterinarian, must maintain a record of each animal that receives a tag, including owner information.