



TO: Elk Producer

RE: Cervidae Standards for Interstate Movement of Elk

The following guidelines will be used by the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office to research request movements of elk into the state.

I. APPLICATIONS

- A. Colorado Captive Cervid Importation Application
- B. Colorado Intrastate and Interstate Movement Request
Please print and fill out all information required.

II. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CERVIDAE

- A. Elk entering the State of Colorado need to follow the current regulations.
- B. Once movement is approved, a Health Certificate needs to be faxed to the State Veterinarian's Office to review all testing and Entry Permit will be issued.

III. CWD SURVEILLANCE STATUS RESEARCH PROCESS

- A. Elk inventory needs to be put in an Excel form or similar to the enclosed *Draft* documentation. (May be printed legibly if spread sheet not available)
Individual elk will show only once on spread sheet with all history needed.
Some areas may be omitted, call with questions.

Documentation needed from your State:

CWD status certificate

TB Accredited herd status certificate

Please do not include:

TB Test Records

Bill of Sale

Brucellosis Test Records

Health Certificates

Thank you.



Colorado Captive Cervid Importation Application

Consignor name: _____
Consignor facility name (if different): _____
Mailing address: _____
Phone/Cell/Fax: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Physical address/location (if different): _____
City: _____
State: _____
State license number (if applicable): _____
Issuing Authority (if applicable): _____
Date: _____

Please answer the following questions for each cervid species (i.e., species in the deer family) held at the consignor facility in the last 60 months (5 years). If more than one species has been held (e.g., both white-tailed deer and elk held), then copy this form and answer questions completely for each species held.

1. List all species held, and circle the species referenced in the answers below:
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

2. Has this herd been completely inventoried, including recording of all births, purchases, sales, and deaths, at least annually for at least the last 60 months?
_____ no _____yes

If yes, attach copies of annual inventory reports, with all births, purchases, sales, and deaths clearly identified.

3. Has the annual inventory been independently verified by a state wildlife or animal health agency?
_____ no _____yes

If yes, name of agency: _____

4. Have any animals 16 months of age or older died natural, other causes, hunt/killed, or slaughtered in this herd in the last 60 months?

_____ no _____yes

If yes, indicate number of mortalities: _____

5. Have all mortalities in animals 16 months of age or older been tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD) at an accredited veterinary diagnostic laboratory?

_____ no _____yes

If yes, attach copies of individual laboratory reports or an official testing summary, including test results and interpretation, as provided by state wildlife or animal health agency.

If no, indicate number of mortalities for which CWD tests were not conducted: _____

For each case where a CWD test was not conducted or test results were “inconclusive”, provide all requested information in the table below:

Animal ID	Source	Age (months)	Cause of death	Reason for failure to test

(Please attach additional pages if needed.)

6. Have animals been added from other sources in the last 60 months?

_____ no _____yes

If yes, copy this form and complete separately for each source herd providing animals in the last 60 months.

7. Have cervids ever been added from a facility where CWD was diagnosed, either before or after importing animals into the consignor facility?

_____ no _____yes

If yes, provide the name of the source facility and animal identification numbers for each cervid imported from an infected facility in the table below:

Animal ID	Source/State	Age (months)	If dead, cause of death?	CWD test result

(Please attach additional pages if needed.)

8. Has there been Chronic Wasting Disease detected in free roaming cervid in your area or county.

_____ no _____yes

If yes, indicate where: _____

9. As indicated above, the following documents must be provided before your import application can be evaluated.

- Completed application form for each cervid species held in the consignor facility
- Verified annual inventories of consignor herd for at least the 60 months (5 years) immediately prior to the date of this request, with all births, purchases, sales, and deaths clearly identified.
- Copies of all individual CWD test results for mortalities in animals 16 months or older in the consignor herd, or an official summary of all test results provided by a licensing wildlife or animal health agency.
- Complete information for all sources of animals added to consignor herd in the 60 months (5 years) immediately prior to the date of this request.

Incomplete applications, or applications without all attached documentation, will be returned without review.

I certify that all of the information provided is complete and accurate, and can be independently verified by a state wildlife or animal health agency upon request. I understand that failure to fully disclose requested information, incomplete reporting, or false reporting may cause rejection of this application.

Consignor signature

Date

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Colorado Department of Agriculture review

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

All forms and requested information submitted: no _____ yes _____

Recommendation: _____ approve _____ deny

Explanation:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife review

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

All forms and requested information submitted: no _____ yes _____

Recommendation: _____ approve _____ deny

Explanation:



COLORADO INTRASTATE AND INTERSTATE MOVEMENT REQUEST
CAPTIVE CERVID

ORIGIN:

Consignor/Facility Name: _____

Mailing/Physical Address: _____

Phone/Cell/Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

DESTINATION:

Consignee/Facility Name: _____

Mailing/Physical Address: _____

Phone/Cell/Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Captive Cervids for Movement: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age (months) _____

Animal ID: _____

Estimated Date of Movement: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Incomplete movement request will be returned.

Health Requirements for Alternative Livestock

All elk entering the State of Colorado must have a Health Certificate and Entry Permit. All other alternative livestock are regulated by the Department of Wildlife. Colorado **will accept** any alternative livestock from Canada.

Importation of alternative livestock requires a special process. The requests must be directed to the State Veterinarian's Office at (303) 869-9133 for the current regulations. These requests will be forwarded to the Colorado Department of Wildlife for review.

Current Elk Regulations:

- **Bovine Tuberculosis**
 - Animals must originate from a current TB Accredited herd, or a Qualified herd and the animals being imported have been tested and found negative within 90 days prior to entry.
- **Brucellosis**
 - Animals imported into Colorado must be tested for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry. All tested animals must be found negative to be eligible for importation.
- **Genetic Purity**
 - All animals imported into Colorado must be genetically tested for elk purity, or be Silver or Gold Registration with the NAEBA. No animals with red deer genetics may be imported into Colorado.
- **External Parasites**
 - All animals imported into Colorado must be treated with ivermectin or a similar product within 15 days prior to entry.
- A current **Health Certificate** and an **import permit** issued within 30 days prior to importation.
- **Johne's Disease**
 - A statement must be placed on the Health Certificate by the issuing veterinarian that reads: "To the best of my knowledge the herd of origin or the animals represented on this health certificate are not known to be affected with Johne's Disease (*Mycobacterium Para tuberculosis*)".
- **Identification**
 - All imported animals must be identified with an official USDA tag, tattoo, or dangle tag.
- **Chronic Wasting Disease**
 - The herd origin must have been under CWD surveillance for the last 60 months. The following documents must be provided to the State Veterinarian's Office:
 - The last five years herd inventory with all animals ID included.
 - The last five years herd mortalities including animal ID and date of death.
 - The last five years CWD laboratory result reports.
 - The last five years animal additions (excluding natural additions). Each animal's ID, date of addition, herd of origin, and CWD status of origin herd at the time of addition are required.
 - CWD certificate if applicable to the state of origin.

ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Tattoos: All alternative livestock must be permanently identified with a tattoo number. CO (indicating Colorado) followed by a number (indicating the license number of the alternative livestock farm) and any alphanumeric combination of letters or numbers consisting of not less than 4 digits (indicating the individual animal number).

Each elk shall be tattooed on the left butt in the hairless area beside the tail, in either ear if all numbers fit, or in both ears. If both ears are used, the CO*** shall be tattooed in the animal's right ear and the ID number shall be tattooed in the animal's left ear. Example: CO*** ID # (001).

NOTE: Elk entering Colorado must have a Brand inspection upon arrival.

Elk Inventory for CWD Surveillance
 Colorado Department of Agriculture
 Division of Animal Health

Animal Identification			Sex	Age	Herd of Origin	Arrival Date	Disposition	Test Results	Comments
Tattoo	USDA	Ranch							

If the animal was born on the facility, mark this "Natural Born". If the animal was purchased, list the facility of origin.

Date the animal was born or arrived on the facility.

This should be either "Sold", "Slaughtered", or "Died" with the date. Attach the lab reports for any animal that is no longer living. If the animal is still alive on the facility, leave this blank.

Test results are required for all animals over 16 months of age that have been slaughtered or died.

