

Proposed Amendments to Animal Health Fee Schedule and Import Regulations

Authority: 5 GCA § 60108; 10 GCA Ch. 34 (esp. Article 3 – Quarantine)

Subject: Amendments to Title 9 GAR Division 1 Chapter 3 Article 2 (Animal Quarantine)

Summary of Proposed Action:

The Department of Agriculture proposes amendments to Title 9 GAR Division 1, Chapters 1 & 3 to update the Animal Health Fee Schedule and import regulations. The proposed amendments will:

1. Revise fee schedules to reflect increased operational costs
2. Update swine import requirements in accordance with current best practices and emerging disease risks.
3. Adjust entry permit fees to discourage importation of intact animals that contribute to pet overpopulation.
4. Establish fees for the review and endorsement of export health certificates
5. Establish expedited processing fees for import permits and export endorsements.

Proposed Amendments within 9 GAR Div 1:

§ 1108. Importation of Swine.

(a)

~~(1) They shall have originated in a state which has been continuously free for a period of twelve (12) months next preceding date of shipment of the disease vesicular exanthema or any similar vesicular disease of swine; provided, however, such animals may not be permitted entry if the same shall have been unloaded or transshipped en route from said state of origin in any stockyards, sale yards, or holding pens in a state in which the disease of vesicular exanthema, or any similar vesicular disease of swine, has occurred in the twelve month period next preceding such date of unloading or transshipment; Swine shall originate from a state which has been~~
continuously free, for at least twelve (12) months preceding the date of shipment, of Classical Swine Fever (hog cholera), African Swine Fever, vesicular exanthema, or any other vesicular diseases of swine, including foot-and-mouth disease and vesicular swine disease.

~~(2) They shall have been inoculated by a qualified veterinarian with standard doses of Agricultural Research Service approved anti-hog cholera serum and modified live virus not less than thirty (30) days prior to shipment; provided, however, swine imported for immediate slaughter, may be permitted entry if they shall have been inoculated by a qualified veterinarian with a standard dose of Agricultural Research Service approved anti-hog cholera serum not more than ten (10) days prior to shipment and are consigned for quarantine at a slaughter house approved by the Territorial Veterinarian, and, further provided, that all other swine, except purebred swine imported for breeding purposes, shall be individually identified by ear tags or other marks of~~

~~identification and be consigned for quarantine at premises of destination; such premises to be approved for such quarantine by the Territorial Veterinarian prior to importation of said swine; Swine shall not be permitted entry if they have been unloaded or transshipped en route through any facility located in a state where any of the above diseases have occurred within the preceding twelve (12) months.~~

§ 3206. Pre-Arrival Requirements for Entry Permit.

(b) Payment of the required fee. The entry permit fee shall be fixed annually, or from time to time as may be necessary or practicable, by the Director on the basis of the Department's operating costs in connection with monitoring the entry of animals into Guam and payable to the "Treasurer of Guam." The initial entry permit fee for each imported dog or cat shall be ~~Sixty Dollars (\$60.00)~~ Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each unaltered dog or cat and Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) for each sterilized dog or cat. In the event that the pre-arrival documents are received in less than 5 business days, an additional expedite fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) shall be applied, and subject to staff availability.

Add new section:

§ 3237 Animal Export Requirements

- (a) Submission Requirement. All health certificates for the export of animals from Guam shall be submitted to the Division of Animal Health prior to export, if the importing country requires endorsement. Documents must be provided within forty eight (48) hours to allow sufficient review.
- (b) Review and Endorsement. The Territorial Veterinarian shall review all submitted export documents to verify accuracy and compliance with applicable requirements. Upon approval, the Territorial Veterinarian shall issue official government endorsement.
- (c) Endorsement Fees. The following fees shall apply for the endorsement of animal export health certificates:
 - (1) Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) for domestic or interstate movement
 - (2) Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for international movement.
- (d) Expedited Review. When review and endorsement are requested within less than twenty-four (24) hours, and subject to the availability of the Territorial Veterinarian, an additional expedite fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will apply.