

CWD Rule Revisions

In June 2012, USDA APHIS Veterinary Services announced an interim final rule that establishes a national CWD Herd Certification Program. In addition to the herd certification program, the rule establishes minimum requirements for interstate movement of cervidae. Program standards that accompany the interim final rule were published in May 2014.

As a result of this Federal rule, Illinois regulations pertaining to CWD and CWD program herds have been revised to make them consistent with the Federal requirements. The revisions became effective October 16, 2014. These changes are significant for all Illinois program herds and especially for those herd owners who intend to sell cervidae to other program herds, specifically herds outside of Illinois.

A link to the revised regulations is provided below.

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/008/008000850001200R.html>