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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Animal interstate movement health requirements for entry into Georgia are temporarily suspended for the evacuation of animals from areas affected by the Mims fire in Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida. This suspension does not apply to animals entering Georgia from other destinations.

On April 6, 2017, a lightning-caused fire was reported approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the Eddy Fire Tower in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

In an effort to facilitate the evacuation efforts in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia, the Georgia Department of Agriculture has temporarily suspended interstate movement requirements for animals affected by the Mims fire. Additionally, Florida has temporarily suspended the import and export requirements for the transportation of animals from the affected areas in Southeast Georgia.

It remains a requirement for any person transporting livestock into or out of Florida to stop at the agricultural interdiction stations. In lieu of health documentation, a transporter will be issued an Advisory Notice, which must remain with the livestock during transport to or from Florida and upon the return trip to the original state of destination.

This suspension is temporary and will expire on May 31, 2017, unless it is rescinded or extended.

More information can be found at:

<http://agr.georgia.gov/animal-industry-division.aspx>
<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry>
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5153/>

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