



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

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Effective Immediately

Pursuant to Florida Executive Order 24-209 and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Emergency Order 2024-007, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, has temporarily suspended importation requirements for the transportation of animals originating in the state of Georgia that are fleeing the potential impacts from Tropical Storm Helene. This suspension does not apply to the importation requirements for wildlife, including Cervidae, nor does it waive or replace the requirements specified under Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock, issued on April 24, 2024.

Any person transporting pets or livestock must stop at the Department's agricultural interdiction stations and present any required movement documentation. A transporter that fails to provide the required import documentation as specified in Rule Chapter [5C-3, F.A.C.](#), will be issued an Advisory Notice, which must remain with the animals during transport into Florida and the return trip to Georgia.

For the importation requirements of regulated wildlife, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (850) 488-6253.

This temporary suspension shall expire in 30 days, unless extended or rescinded.

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