

September 24, 2024

Effective Immediately

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, has suspended the interstate import requirements for the transportation of animals fleeing the impact areas of Hurricane Helene in Georgia.

Any person transporting pets or livestock must notify the Tennessee State Veterinarian's Office of movement and destination. Owners may call (615) 837-5120 during normal business hours, or for weekend movement, email animal.health@tn.gov and a division representative will contact you during normal business hours.

A copy of this Notice should accompany the animals at all times. This document may not be used for permanent relocation to Tennessee and can only be used for animals who will be returning to the state of origin after emergency threat ends.

This suspension does not pertain to regulated wildlife. For movement of regulated wildlife, contact the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency at (615) 781-6500.

This suspension does not include lactating dairy cattle, as the federal order preventing the spread of H5N1 in livestock is still in effect for lactating dairy cattle moving interstate.

This temporary suspension shall expire on October 15, 2024, unless extended or rescinded.

Please call (615) 837-5120 to notify of movement or for more information.



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