

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

**IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE
PROTECTION OF ANIMAL HEALTH:
DOMESTIC WARM-BLOODED ANIMAL
OWNERS.**

AH Docket No. 26-O-005

**SUMMARY SPECIAL ORDER REGARDING
THE IMPORT OF DOMESTIC WARM-
BLOODED ANIMALS FROM STATES
WITH ACTIVE NEW WORLD
SCREWORM INFESTED ZONES.**

INTRODUCTION

The State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Department), by the State Veterinarian, based upon its efforts to protect the health of Wisconsin's animals and animal industries from the spread of New World Screwworm (NWS), a parasitic fly whose larvae feed on living tissue, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and issues the following Summary Special Order to domestic warm-blooded animal owners, regarding the import of domestic warm-blooded animals from states with active NWS infested zones.

FINDINGS OF FACT

(1) The Department is responsible for administering Wisconsin's animal health program under ch. 95, Wis. Stats. The program is designed to protect the health of animals in this state and to prevent, control, and eradicate communicable diseases among animals. The Department has broad authority to adopt rules interpreting statutes under its jurisdiction (see § 93.07(1), Wis. Stats.).

(2) To protect the health of animals located in this state and of humans residing in this state, the Department may establish, maintain, enforce, and regulate quarantines and other measures relating to the importation, movement, and care of animals and their products, the disinfection of suspected localities and articles, and the disposition of animals, as the Department determines are necessary (see § 93.07(10), Wis. Stats.).

(3) The Department may prohibit or regulate the importing of animals into this state or the movement of animals within the state if the Department has reasonable grounds to believe that regulation or prohibition is necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of a disease in this state that threatens the health of animals or of humans (see § 95.20, Wis. Stats.).

(4) No person may, in connection with the import, sale, movement, or exhibition of any animal, do any of the following: knowingly conceal that the animal has been infected with or exposed to any contagious or infectious disease; knowingly misrepresent that the animal has not been exposed to or infected with any contagious or infectious disease; or knowingly permit an animal that has been exposed to or infected with a contagious or infectious disease to commingle with other animals under conditions that may cause the disease to spread to an animal owned by another person (see § ATCP 10.08, Wis. Admin. Code).

(5) A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required to accompany every animal imported into Wisconsin, except those exempted by rule (see § ATCP 10.06, Wis. Admin. Code).

(6) New World Screwworm (NWS) is a parasitic fly whose larvae feed on living tissue. After being eradicated from the U.S. in 1966, NWS has re-emerged in Central America and Mexico. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), NWS has been detected in the U.S. and in animals near the U.S.-Mexico border. USDA is working with affected states to respond with sterile fly releases, surveillance, and movement controls.

(7) Wisconsin receives animals from southern states where NWS risk is highest. Any warm-blooded animal with an open wound can be affected, including pets, livestock, wildlife, and people. Early detection prevents severe, sometimes fatal, infections.

(8) In April 2026, USDA issued New World Screwworm National Continuity of Business Standardized Animal Movement Guidance (see <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/nws-national-cob-movement-requirements.pdf>).

(9) Restricting the import of domestic warm-blooded animals from states with active NWS infested zones is necessary to limit the spread of NWS that threatens the health of animals and animal industries in Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

(1) Under chs. 93 and 95, Wis. Stats., the Department has jurisdiction over the protection of the health of animals in this state and the authority to prevent, control, and eradicate communicable diseases among animals through quarantines and other measures. The Department is authorized to take this action to protect domestic animal health in Wisconsin.

(2) NWS is a parasitic fly whose larvae feed on living tissue. Early detection prevents severe, sometimes fatal, infections.

(3) Restricting the import of domestic warm-blooded animals from states with active NWS infested zones is necessary to limit the spread of NWS that threatens the health of animals and animal industries in Wisconsin.

ORDER

Based upon the above stated findings of fact and conclusions of law, and, in accordance with §§ 93.07(10) and 95.20, Wis. Stats., IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

(1) For states with active NWS infested zones, CVIs for domestic warm-blooded animals imported into Wisconsin and not originating from an NWS infested zone, as determined by State or Federal Animal

Health Officials, shall include a statement indicating that the animals do not originate from an NWS infested zone, at the time of writing the CVI.

(2) Domestic warm-blooded animals originating from NWS infested zones, as determined by State or Federal Animal Health Officials, shall not be imported into Wisconsin unless all of the following are met:

- a. The Department has approved an import permit for the animals at least 48 hours prior to movement. An import permit may be requested by completing this form: <https://wi.accessgov.com/datcp/Forms/Page/dah/nwsimportpermitapplication/>.
- b. The CVI for the movement includes a statement indicating that the animals originate from a location in an NWS infested zone, as determined by State or Federal Animal Health Officials.
- c. The CVI includes a statement indicating that the animals to be moved were inspected within 5 days of the movement date, by an authorized inspector, and that there is no visual evidence of NWS.
- d. If treatment was administered, such as an NWS animal drug or pesticide, the CVI includes a statement indicating the type, dose, route, and date(s) of treatment.

(3) This order will go into effect seven calendar days after the Department announces the order by press release.

(4) This order will remain in effect until rescinded by order of the State Veterinarian.

(5) This order may be appealed in writing within 30 days of the date of the order to be reviewed by following the procedures to request an informal hearing or a contested case hearing in Wis. Stat. § 227.42, and Wis. Admin. Code §§ ATCP 1.03(3) and 1.06, and HA 1.04(3).

Dated this 7/14/2026 | 1:43 PM CDT

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