

Part 3
Acquisition, Transportation, Sale, or Slaughter of Domesticated Elk

4-39-301 Genetic purity requirements -- Proof of source.

As part of any inspection for licensing or renewing the license of a domesticated elk facility, or for the importation, transportation, or change of ownership of any domesticated elk, the department shall require:

- (1) proof of genetic testing to ensure the purity of the domesticated elk herds and prevent the introduction of red deer or hybrid nonnative species into domesticated elk herds in Utah by showing evidence of the purity of live animals, gametes, eggs, sperm, or other genetic material; and
- (2) proof that the domesticated elk originates from a legal source as provided in Section 4-39-302.

Enacted by Chapter 302, 1997 General Session

4-39-302 Acquisition of domesticated elk for use in domesticated elk facilities.

Domesticated elk intended for use in domesticated elk facilities shall meet all health and genetic requirements of this chapter.

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4-39-303 Importation of domesticated elk.

- (1) A person may not import domesticated elk into the state for use in domesticated elk facilities without first obtaining:
 - (a) an entry permit from the state veterinarian's office; and
 - (b) a domesticated elk facility license from the department.
- (2) The entry permit shall include the following information and certificates:
 - (a) a health certificate with an indication of the current health status;
 - (b) proof of genetic purity as required in Section 4-39-301;
 - (c) the name and address of the consignor and consignee;
 - (d) proof that the elk are tuberculosis and brucellosis free;
 - (e) the origin of shipment;
 - (f) the final destination;
 - (g) the total number of animals in the shipment; and
 - (h) any other information required by the state veterinarian's office or the department.
- (3) No domesticated elk will be allowed into the state that originates east of the 100 degree meridian, to prevent introduction of the meningeal worm.

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4-39-304 Marking domesticated elk.

- (1) Each domesticated elk, not previously tattooed, shall be marked by either a tattoo, as provided in Subsection (2), or by a microchip, as provided in Subsection (3):
 - (a) within 30 days of a change of ownership; or
 - (b) in the case of newborn calves, within 15 days after being weaned, but in any case, no later than September 15.
- (2) If a domesticated elk is identified with a tattoo, the tattoo shall:

- (a) be placed peri-anally or inside the right ear; and
 - (b) consist of a four-digit herd number assigned by the department over a three-digit individual animal number assigned by the owner.
- (3) If a domesticated elk is identified with a microchip, it shall be placed in the right ear.

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4-39-305 Transportation of domesticated elk to or from domesticated elk facilities.

Any domesticated elk transferred to or from a domesticated elk facility within the state shall be:

- (1) accompanied by a brand inspection certificate specifying the following:
 - (a) the name, address, and facility license number of the source;
 - (b) number, sex, and individual identification number; and
 - (c) name, address, and facility license number of the destination;
- (2) accompanied by proof of genetic purity as provided in Section 4-39-301; and
- (3) inspected by the department as provided in Section 4-39-306.

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4-39-306 Inspection prior to movement, sale, removal of antlers, or slaughter.

- (1) Each domesticated elk facility licensee shall have the domesticated elk inspected by the department prior to any transportation, sale, removal of antlers, or slaughter.
- (2) Any person transporting or possessing domesticated elk or domesticated elk products shall have the appropriate brand inspection certificate in his or her possession.

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4-39-307 Inspections -- Qualifications of inspectors.

Health certification shall be based upon inspections carried out in accordance with standards specified by the department.

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