

**ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 466 of 1988**

**287.720 Official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official certificate of veterinary inspection; forwarding of certificate to state veterinarian; slaughter of imported livestock.**

Sec. 20. (1) An official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection shall be prepared and signed by an accredited veterinarian for animals requiring such a certificate and being imported into this state, or being moved from 1 premises to another premises within this state. An official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection for animals being imported to or exported from this state or being moved from 1 premises to another premises within this state when required shall include all of the following:

(a) The complete names, telephone numbers, and physical addresses of the consignor and consignee, the address of the premises of the animals to be moved, and the physical destination address if different from the consignee address.

(b) A description of the animals by breed, sex, age, and individual official identification number, as determined by the director.

(c) The date of examination of the animals by the accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate, and the date the certificate was issued.

(d) The intended use of the animals, including, but not limited to, use for sale, dairy, breeding, feeding or grazing, exhibition, immediate slaughter, or other.

(e) The health status of the animals by recording the results of the required tests, required vaccinations, and any other data concerning the health of the animals including herd or state disease-free status. The accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate shall certify that the animals are free from clinical signs of infectious or toxicological diseases.

(f) The prior entry permit number issued by the director, if a prior entry permit is required.

(2) A copy of the official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection for animals being exported from this state or for animals being moved from 1 premises to another premises within this state shall be forwarded by the issuing accredited veterinarian to the state veterinarian within 7 working days after the date of issuance.

(3) Livestock delivered directly to a slaughter plant shall be slaughtered within 5 days except for swine, which shall be slaughtered within 48 hours. Livestock for slaughter delivered to a market for livestock auction as that term is defined in 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to 287.131, shall be slaughtered within 5 days.

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