

Summary of California's CWD-Related Regulations

This page summarizes California's key regulations related to Chronic Wasting Disease ("CWD"). For complete legal language, see the cited sections of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CCR").

Prohibition on Baiting and Urine-Based Scent Lures ([CCR Title 14, Section 251.3](#), [CCR Title 14, Section 257.5](#), [CCR Title 14, Section 475](#), [CCR Title 14, Section 714](#))

Section 251.3 prohibits feeding of big game mammals.

Section 257.5 prohibits taking resident game birds and mammals by the aid of bait, including cervid derived biofluids.

Section 475 prohibits the use of CWD-sensitive cervid biofluids, as defined in Section 714(a), for the take or attempted take of nongame birds and nongame mammals.

Section 714 defines CWD-sensitive cervid biofluid as "urine, feces, saliva, and scent gland secretions derived from a cervid," and prohibits importing, using or possessing these products in California.

Fallow Deer Farming Regulations ([CCR Title 14, Section 676](#))

Section 676 regulates fallow deer (*Dama dama*) farming, the only captive cervid farming permitted in California. Current science suggests that fallow deer may not be susceptible to CWD.

Importation of Live Cervids ([CCR Title 14, Section 681](#))

Section 681 defines regulations for importing live cervids to California. All importation of live cervids requires prior authorization, testing, and permitting from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") as defined in this regulation. Pursuant to subsection (b), it is unlawful to import cervids from a CWD-positive state unless otherwise authorized by CDFW. Provides the Department authority to deny or revoke live cervid importation permits based on specific criteria, including potential exposure to CWD.

Deer Reporting and Testing Requirements ([CCR Title 14, Section 708.5\(e\)-\(g\)](#))

Section 708.5(e)-(g) defines CWD Management Zones (CMZ), including "testing CMZ" and "testing and handling CMZ."

Testing CMZ: Hunters who harvest and possess a deer from a testing CMZ shall provide a CWD sample to CDFW within 10 days of harvest.

Testing and Handling CMZ: Hunters will follow testing CMZ guidelines and shall additionally leave all portions of the brain, spinal column, and entrails at the harvest site.

Cold Storage/Frozen Food Locker Plant Records ([CCR Title 14, Section 711](#))

Section 711 requires facilities that process, preserve or store game mammals to prepare and maintain records of the following: name and address of individual who delivers the animal; name, address, license and tag number of individual who took the animal; location of kill; species; and date received.

Carcass Import Regulations ([CCR Title 14, Section 712](#))

Section 712 prohibits importing or possessing hunter harvested cervid carcasses or parts of any cervid carcass imported in to the state except for: portions of meat with no part of the spinal column, brain or head attached; hides and capes; clean skull plates with no brain tissue; antlers with no meat or tissue attached; finished taxidermy mounts, or upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories).

Declaration of Importation of Dead Fish and Wildlife ([CCR Title 14, Section 712.5](#))

Any person importing any carcass or portion of carcass shall fill out Form 901 within 24 hours of entry.

[Form 901 online version](#)

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Carcass Condemnation for Diseased, Injured, or Chemically Immobilized Big-Game Species ([CCR Title 14, Section 713](#))

Authorizes the Department to condemn the carcass of a diseased, injured, or chemically immobilized big-game animal. In these situations, the individual who took the carcass shall surrender the entire condemned carcass and any parts to the department employee or dispose of it as instructed by the employee. Individuals from whom carcasses were condemned are eligible for a duplicate tag as per form CDFW 301 or one additional preference point added to the number of preference points had when the original tag was obtained. The hunter must complete [DFW 301 – Big Game Duplicate Affidavit](#).

For more information, consult the [California Code of Regulations](#).