

**CERVIDAE IMPORTATION APPLICATION**

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**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.****APPLICANT (Consignee)**

BUSINESS NAME and MAILING ADDRESS			CORRESPONDING POSSESSION PERMIT TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> RESTRICTED SPECIES <input type="checkbox"/> FALLOW DEER FARMING	POSSESSION PERMIT NUMBER (Restricted Species and/or Fallow Deer Farming Permit)
FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Voluntary)	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS (where the animal(s) will be held)			FAX NUMBER (Voluntary)	DAY TELEPHONE
PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANIMAL(S) TO BE ACQUIRED (Species, age, sex, number):				

**CURRENT OWNER OF HERD (Consignor)**

BUSINESS NAME and ADDRESS			
FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	DAY TELEPHONE
PHYSICAL ADDRESS (where the animal(s) is coming from)			
CITY			STATE ZIP CODE
NAME OF VETERINARIAN ISSUING HEALTH CERTIFICATE			VETERINARIAN'S DAY TELEPHONE

**CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF CERVIDAE INTO CALIFORNIA**

1. Bovine tuberculosis (bTB) testing. The herd of origin must have undergone official testing for bovine tuberculosis within 24 months of importation of cervid(s), using a single cervical tuberculin (SCT) test or other USDA-approved bTB screening test for cervids. All cervids six months of age or older, shall be tested for tuberculosis within 90 days prior to entry into California and shall have been classified negative for tuberculosis based upon an official test. Cervids originating from a USDA bTB Accredited herd do not require testing for importation. (Note: It is recommended that cervids be tested 90-120 days after importation.)
2. Brucellosis testing. The USDA-accredited veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall attest that the cervid(s) being imported into California are not known to be infected with brucellosis and have not been in contact with animals of unknown brucellosis status. Sexually intact cervids six months of age or older shall be tested for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into California utilizing an official brucellosis laboratory test for Cervidae as determined by USDA. However, cervids originating from Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herds do not require testing for importation.
3. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with official test(s) and result(s) shall be submitted with this Cervidae Importation Application.
4. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) shall reserve the right to require additional testing prior to importation when there is reason to believe other diseases, parasites, or health risks are present. The CDFW shall provide written notification if such testing is required.
5. The approved and signed copy of this application shall act as the importation permit and must accompany any cervid(s) imported into California.

*I certify that all information on this application is true and correct. I further certify that I will abide by the conditions set forth above and in Cal. Code Regs. Title 14, Section 681. With accordance to [California Civil Code §1633.5\(b\)](#), I acknowledge that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree that my electronic signature is legally binding equivalent to a handwriting signature. I hereby confirm that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.*

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE
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**FOR DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE USE ONLY**STATUS OF APPLICATION (CHECK ONE) ☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED\* ☐ HOLD\*

\*REASON (only applicable if denied or on hold)

REVIEWED BY: (Wildlife Health Lab)	DATE
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CERVIDAE IMPORTATION APPLICATION

This form is to apply for approval to import Cervidae into California. Approval pursuant to this application does not obviate the need to obtain other applicable permits and approvals to legally possess Cervidae. Accurately complete all aspects of the application form. Incomplete applications will be returned and may delay the review and processing of your importation application. Pre-application consultation is highly encouraged, as processing applications can take two to four weeks, but is not required. Requests for consultation must be submitted in writing to [WHLab@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WHLab@wildlife.ca.gov). For more information on Cervidae importation, please contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's, Wildlife Health Lab at [WHLab@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WHLab@wildlife.ca.gov) or (916) 358-2790. Detailed information on all other Permits and Licensing can be found at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Directory>.

1. Applicant (Consignee):
  - a. Complete all applicable fields in this section.
  - b. Include the mailing address of the applicant or business and the physical address of the permitted facility where the imported animal(s) will be permanently housed.
  - c. At a minimum, an appropriate phone number must be included, an email address is encouraged and will facilitate the use of digital documents to speed up the application process.
  - d. Applicants must have an appropriate and current possession permit, either restricted species (Title 14, section 671) or fallow deer farming (Title 14, section 676), prior to completing this application for Cervidae importation.
  - e. Provide details of the animal(s) to be imported. At a minimum include species, age, sex, and number of each to be imported. Appropriate individually identifiable markings/animal I.D. and testing results should be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Current Owner of the Herd (Consignor):
  - a. Complete all applicable fields in this section.
  - b. Include the mailing address of the Consignor (individual or business) and the physical address where the animal(s) to be imported are currently housed.
  - c. An appropriate phone number for the Consignor must be included.
  - d. The name and phone number of the USDA-Accredited veterinarian performing the health inspections.
3. Sign and date the application.
4. Provide a copy of the official test results along with the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
5. Email copies of this application and official test results to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Health Lab at [WHLab@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WHLab@wildlife.ca.gov). Alternatively, applications can be mailed to ATTN: Cervid Importation Application, Wildlife Health Lab at 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite D, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.
6. A signed copy will be returned to you by the Department. The signed, approved application serves as the importation permit and must accompany the animal(s) to be imported.