



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

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Effective Immediately

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, has temporarily suspended the intrastate movement requirements for the transportation of animals from the areas expected to be impacted by Hurricane Idalia.

In addition, the following states have waived their interstate import requirements for Florida, pets and livestock leaving the expected impact areas of Hurricane Idalia:

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

Any person transporting pets or livestock must stop at the Department's agricultural interdiction stations and present any required movement documentation. A transporter that fails to provide the required documentation will be issued an Advisory Notice, which must remain with the animals during transport to one of the above listed states and the return trip to the original Florida destination.

When returning to Florida, if any disease test requirements are not met, the animal(s) will be quarantined to their Florida destination until the testing has been completed. An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) is not required if returning with the Advisory Notice issued at the Agricultural Interdiction Station.

Please visit www.FDACS.gov/AnimalEmergency, or call (850) 410-0900 for more information.

This suspension does not pertain to regulated wildlife. For movement of regulated wildlife contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (850) 488-6253. This temporary suspension shall expire in 30 days, unless extended or rescinded.

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