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### Sec. 22-278-1. Definitions

The terms used in Sections 22-278-1 to 22-278-5, inclusive, shall have the following meaning:

(1) “Accredited Veterinarian” means a veterinarian approved by the Administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS).

(2) “Bovine” means all cattle of the genus *Bos*.

(3) “Captive Cervid” means all species of deer, elk, moose and all other members of the family Cervidae including reindeer and caribou of the genus Rangifur raised or maintained in captivity for the production of meat and other agricultural products, for sport or for exhibition.

(4) “Captive Cervidae or Captive Cervids” means one or more “Captive Cervid”.

(5) “Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)” means a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy of cervidae.

(6) “Comparative Cervical Tuberculin (CCT) Test” means an intradermal injection of biologically balanced USDA bovine Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) tuberculin and avian PPD tuberculin at separate sites in the mid-cervical area of the animal to determine the probable presence of bovine tuberculosis (*M. bovis*) by comparing the response of the two tuberculins at 72 hours (plus or minus 6 hours) following the injection.

(7) “Designated Accredited Veterinarian” means an accredited veterinarian who is trained and approved by cooperative State and Federal animal health officials to conduct the single cervical tuberculin (SCT) test on captive cervids.

(8) “Herd” means a group of captive cervids, a group of other livestock, or a group of captive cervids and other livestock maintained at the same location, or two or more groups of captive cervids or captive cervids and other livestock under common ownership or supervision that are geographically separated but that have movement of animals between groups without regard to health status.

(9) “Federal Veterinary Medical Officer” means a veterinarian employed by USDA, APHIS.

(10) “Livestock” means “Livestock” as defined in Section 22-278 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for example, cattle, bison, swine, goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas, captive cervids, antelope and other hooved animals.

(11) “Single Cervical Tuberculin (SCT) Test” means the intradermal injection of 0.1 ml (5,000 tuberculin units) of USDA PPD bovis tuberculin in the mid-cervical area of the animal with reading by visual observation and palpation at 72 hours (plus or minus 6 hours) following the injection.

(12) “Source herd” means a herd in which the State Veterinarian or federal veterinary medical officer has determined that a captive cervid less than 60 months of age that was diagnosed as CWD positive was born.

(13) “Tuberculin” means a product that is approved by and produced under USDA license for injection into cervids and other animals for the purpose of detecting bovine tuberculosis.

(14) “Tuberculosis” means the contagious, infectious, and communicable disease caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*. (Also referred to as bovine tuberculosis.)

(Adopted effective September 12, 2001)

**Sec. 22-278-2. Notification of captive cervidae**

(a) No person, firm or corporation shall possess captive cervidae for the purposes of raising, breeding, keeping or selling such captive cervidae for domestic or commercial use unless he has first notified the Commissioner of Agriculture upon forms prescribed by said Commissioner. Such notification shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the adoption of these regulations or the commencing of such operation, whichever is sooner.

(b) No captive cervid or group of cervidae may be transferred to or established on the same premises as a bovine herd.

(Adopted effective September 12, 2001)

**Sec. 22-278-3. Testing of captive cervidae**

(a) All captive cervidae six (6) months of age and older in cervidae herds required to be registered under section 2 of these regulations shall be tested and have a negative result to a single cervical tuberculin test administered by a designated accredited veterinarian. Such test shall be administered within sixty (60) days of the adoption of these regulations or the commencing of such operation whichever is sooner. The owner or keeper of such herd through written application to the Commissioner of Agriculture may request an extension of time in which to complete such testing. The Commissioner may grant such request and determine a reasonable period of time.

(b) The result of such testing shall be reported to the Commissioner no later than the close of business on the next business day following the receipt of the results of such tests.

(c) If any captive cervid from a herd shows a positive reaction to such test, such herd shall be immediately quarantined.

(d) The owner of captive cervidae showing a positive reaction to the test prescribed in subsection (a) of this section may elect to have such animals slaughtered and necropsied in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

(e) Captive cervidae tested and having a positive result to the test prescribed in subsection (a) of this section which are not slaughtered pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be tested using the comparative cervical tuberculin test.

(f) Herds which are tested and have a negative result to a single cervical tuberculin test, or a comparative cervical tuberculin test as prescribed by subsection (e) of this section shall be eligible to receive permission for transportation or sale pursuant to section 4 of these regulations.

(g) All herds which fail to qualify for permission for transportation or sale under subsection (f) of this section shall remain quarantined until such time as such herd is declared to be in compliance with the requirements of these regulations by the commissioner pursuant to the testing criteria set forth in this section.

(Adopted effective September 12, 2001)

**Sec. 22-278-4. Transportation of captive cervidae**

(a) No captive cervidae kept in Connecticut shall be transported on any public road, highway or byway within the State of Connecticut unless permission to transport is first obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture prior to transportation.

(b) Permission to transport captive cervidae pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may only be issued if such cervidae are: (1) declared tuberculosis free pursuant to section 3 of these regulations; or (2) on their way to immediate slaughter, pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of these regulations.

(Adopted effective September 12, 2001)

**Sec. 22-278-5.**

Repealed, February 3, 2003.

**Sec. 22-278-6. Importation prohibited**

The importation of captive cervidae into Connecticut is prohibited.

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