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RE: Waiver of certain animal import requirements for animals evacuating Hurricane Florence

As authorized by **Executive Order 17**, *Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to Potential Impacts from Hurricane Florence*, as issued by Governor Ralph Northam on September 10, 2018, Virginia will waive the following animal import requirements for owners and animals evacuating in the wake of Hurricane Florence. This waiver is temporary and will expire on September 30, 2018.

- Horses evacuated to Virginia with a negative Coggins test in the past 12 months will be admitted without an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), provided current Coggins paperwork accompanies each horse.
- Horses evacuated to Virginia without a negative Coggins test in the past 12 months will be admitted without an interstate CVI, provided they be allowed to return to their state of origin without a current Coggins or CVI. They must undergo Coggins testing if they remain in Virginia past September 30, 2018.
- All other animals evacuated to Virginia will be admitted without an interstate CVI provided they meet all import requirements if they remain in Virginia past September 30, 2018.
- This waiver in no way requires that destination facilities waive any requirements. Evacuees should check with individual facilities for their requirements.

Please contact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Veterinary Services with any questions at (804) 786-2483.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles C. Broaddus".

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