**Section 85.150 Importation of Animals; Permit Required**

a) All animals entering Illinois for the purpose of livestock production or exhibition must be accompanied by a permit from the Department and an official certificate of veterinary inspection or VS Form 9-2 or 9-3 in the case of poultry.

b) The official certificate of veterinary inspection must:

1) Be issued by an accredited veterinarian of the state of origin, by a veterinarian in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture, or by a licensed veterinarian of the country of origin;

2) Be approved by the animal health official of the state or country of origin;

3) Show that the animals are free from visible evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases; and

4) Show the state or country of origin.

c) Permits:

1) Permits will be issued by telephoning or writing the Department.

2) An applicant for permit shall furnish the following information to the Department:

A) Name and complete mailing address of Illinois destination;

B) Name and address of consignor; and

C) Number and species of animals in shipment.

3) Grounds for refusal to issue a permit are:

A) Violation of the Act or this Part; or

B) Presence of a disease or contamination that might endanger the Illinois livestock industry or pose a threat to public health.

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